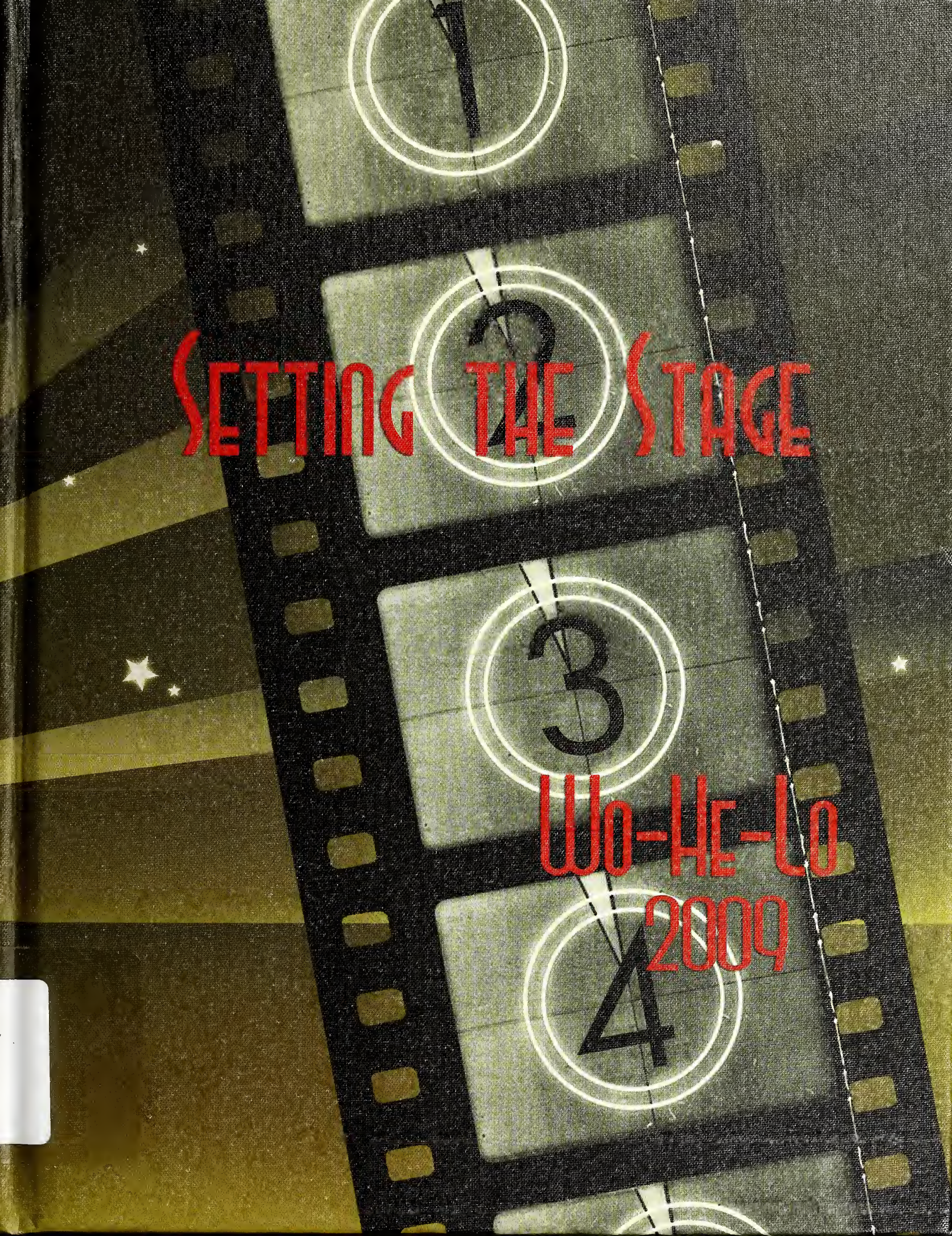
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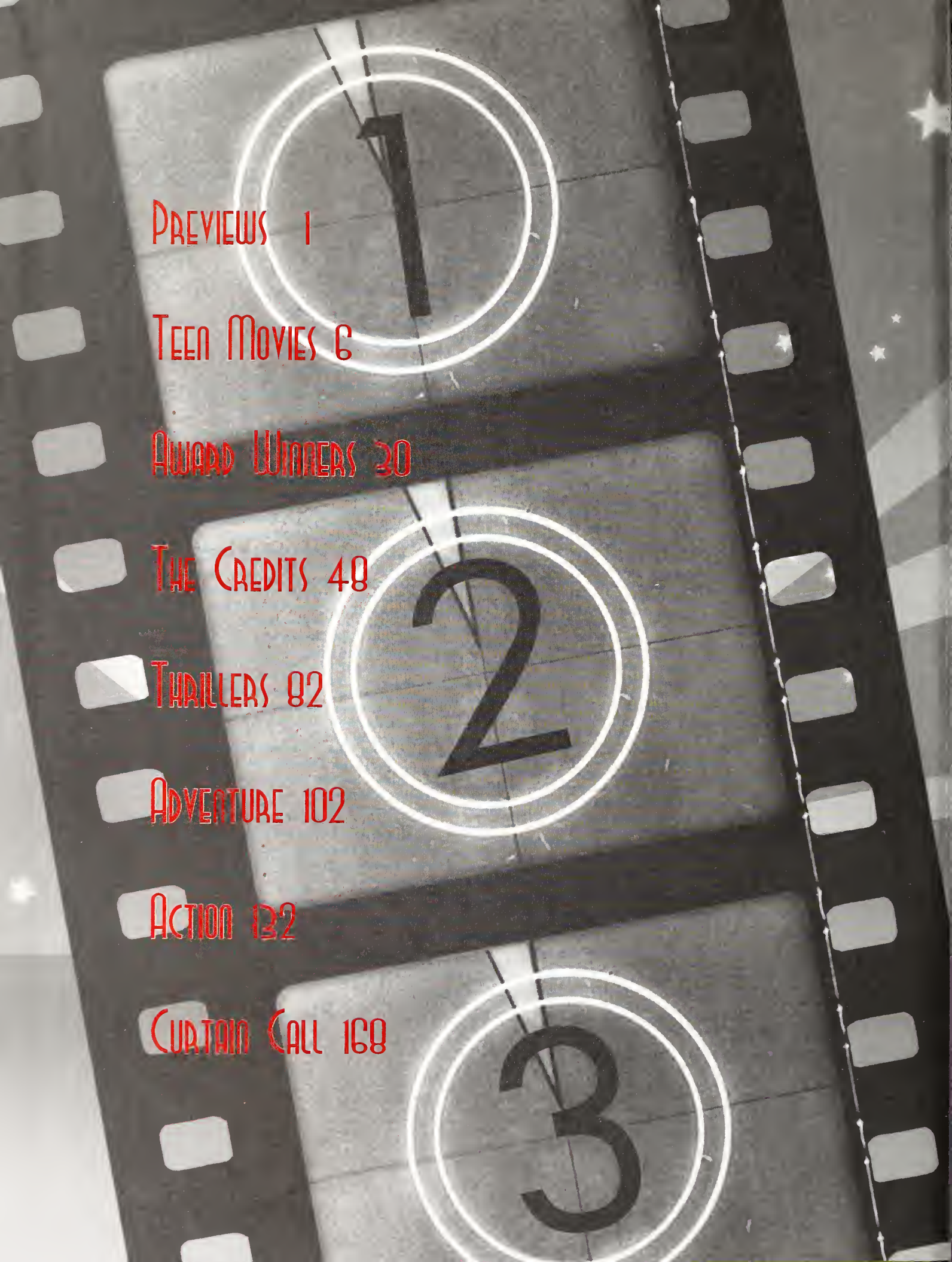

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Sparkling in the September sun, Kayla Hampton awaits Halftime to represent her class as Freshman Maid.

Despite commuting to school everyday, J'Markus Dubose still makes time to attend activities after class such as Constitution Day held Sept. 15, 2008.

Helping to decorate the front of Huff Auditorium, Rachel Ramirez dresses the mighty hunter who is out to skin the bears.

Showing courage and bravery during his first Welcome Back Week, Cody Walters dances ballet while hypnotized.

Previews

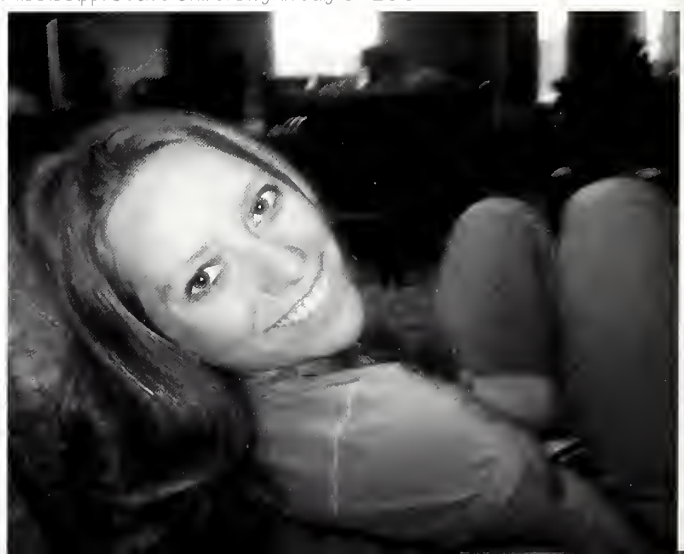
The annual staff is the behind the scenes crew for any yearbook. However, for this issue of the Wo-He-Lo, the annual staff is stepping out and letting you see who they really are outside of their normal everyday lives.

A great number of people came out to help with the annual this year. With so many people, the 2009 Wo-He-Lo is sure to be the Oscar Award Winner. After all, students are Setting the Stage at ECCC.

-Kylie Rigdon

With deadlines looming, Ashley Dumas makes final adjustments to her pages.

Active in many organizations, Kylie Rigdon, editor-in-chief, lounges at Appalachian Honors Leadership Symposium at Griffis Hall at Mississippi State University in July of 2008.



Usually behind the camera, Tyler Watkins poses for a quick shot of himself.

Even with her busy schedule, Kristina James still finds time to pose for a quick picture on her way to class.

Proudly representing her sophomore class, Briana Edison was voted maid-of-honor for Homecoming 2008.

The People who brought you this yearbook.

On the Wo-He-Lo staff, we have many people from many walks of life. Some staffers are veterans of yearbook and others are brand new to the publication.

Our crew is very involved in campus activities, including Phi Theta Kappa, SBA, The Tom-Tom, Tennis, Warrior Corp, EC Players, Environmental Club, Wall 'O Sound Marching Band and Book Club to name a few.

-Kylie Rigdon

Working her first picture day with the annual staff, Leslie Crawford quickly learns the ropes of a successful portrait day.

Another active member in many organizations, Shaun Cooper poses after bowling a strike during Appalachian Honors Leadership Symposium in July of 2008.

Working against the clock, Crystal Massey puts the last few touches on her Welcome Back Week pages.

East Central Community College is...

Heading to their next class, Angela Moore and Niambi Henson enjoy the sun and find out what's going on around campus.

East Central Community College was founded in 1928 and, like any good agency, has launched the careers of thousands of stars to influence and better society.

Utilizing EC's expanded wi-fi network, Lay Barnes and Sharla King check up on new news regarding friends.

Setting the Stage

Every year, the *Wo-He-Lo* staff is charged with developing a theme that will creatively portray all the events of the year. This year, East Central Community College's 68th volume of the *Wo-He-Lo* is paying tribute to how life at Decatur University is setting the stage for our lives out in the big world.

We, the students, are the renowned actors and actresses of our time, and the world is our arena. East Central faculty and staff have made it possible for each of us to be the playwrights of our own destiny by offering a wide range of majors that inspire any person to establish lifetime goals. It is here at EC that we prepare to make our grand entrance into the world.

The cast of East Central is made up of the some 2,600 actresses, actors and stage hands who make it possible for each of us to take part in all EC has to offer. During our time at EC, we constantly expand our contact sheets with the new friends and acquaintances that have touched our lives in some way or another. These new friends often provide the comic relief in our scripts that we all so desperately need from time to time.

In our journey, there are times when we find ourselves having to adlib our way through our scenes, but the administration are the prompters of our production who keep us on track when we tend to forget our lines. They are the stage-managers of our show and they truly care about the direction our characters are taking in life.

The classroom provides rehearsals for each of us to perfect our monologues and finally perform off book. Using props and innovative teaching methods, instructors captivate the attention of their audiences daily to keep the knowledge flowing. Even as the scenes change from semester to semester, the energy here does not. East Central is a bustling campus that keeps us entertained all year long.

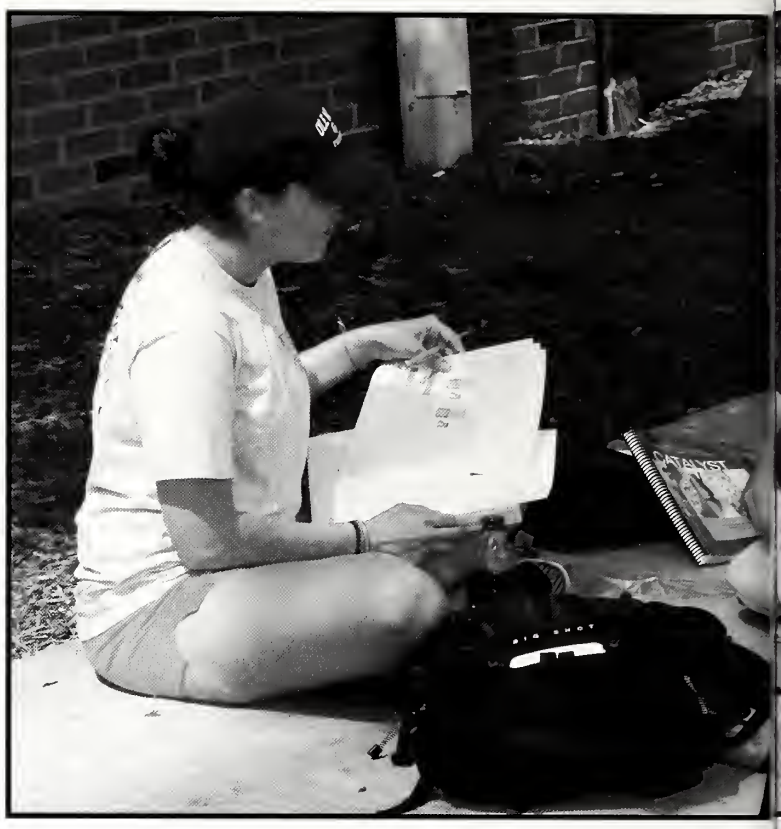
From the opening act of Welcome Back to the curtain call of Graduation, East Central has given us the tools to create our own script to life fit for a box office smash. From the staff of the *Wo-He-Lo* to all of EC's thespians, we say "break a leg" as we look back at all of the highlights that make East Central the perfect place to set the stage.

-Shaun Cooper

Enjoying time between classes, Ashley Dunn and Kristen Perry eat a quick snack and have a few laughs about campus happenings.

Thrillers

Student Life



Here at EC, students get involved in everything they can, meet people with whom you become life-long friends, cram for big test the night before, and get in trouble with the security guards because it's quiet hours in the dorms. Freshmen are scared to death because it's their first year of college and come to realize they are in the real world and Mommy and Daddy are not always going to be there. The sophomores are cocky because they think they know everything, but we will always keep EC in mind.

~Leslie Crawford

Living in the dorms gives students the chance to connect on a more personal level. Above, some of the girls of Barber Hall enjoy a pajama party in the lounge.

An annual tradition, Dr. Philip Crenshaw and Mrs. Susan Fox-Smith sponsor the recreation of the signing of the Constitution. Right: Some of the women's basketball team pose with Fox-Smith and Crenshaw.

Ten People who...love to hang.

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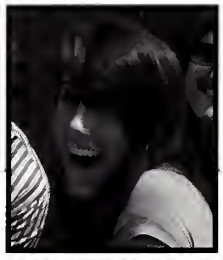
Neshoba Central

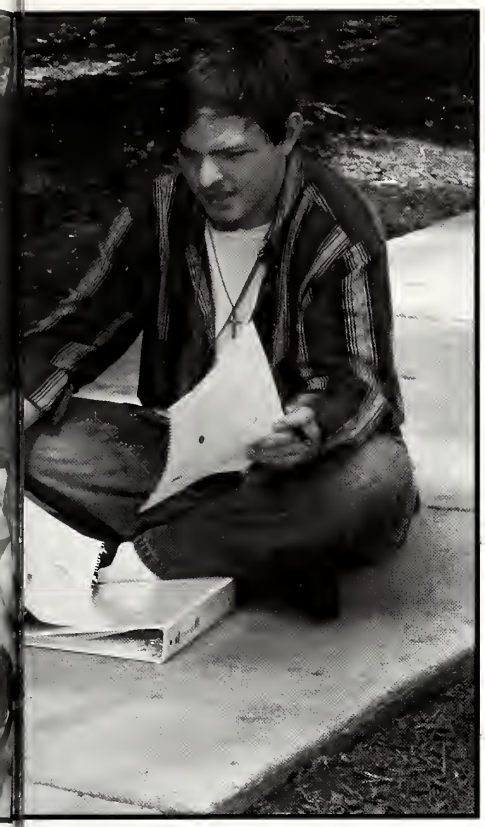
Chelsea Rae Gilmer
Philadelphia



Kimberley Blackwell
Winston Academy

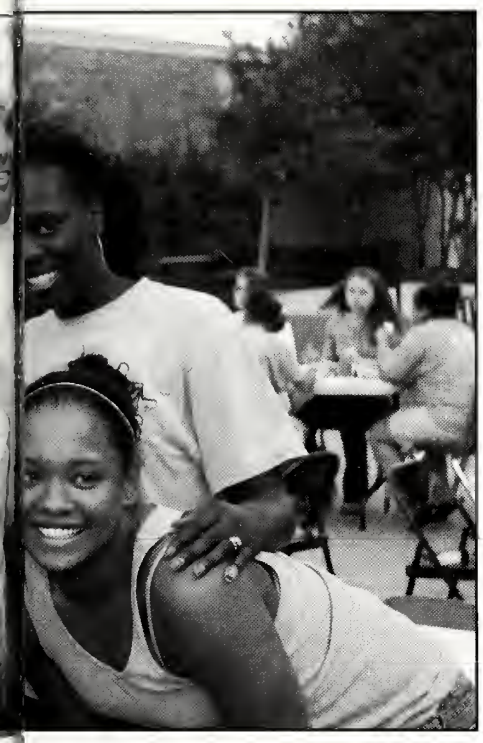
Erik Wagner
Forest

Jake Shones
Noxapator

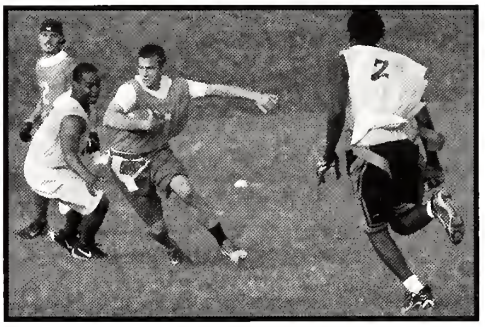


This year, *The Tom-Tom* staff sponsored a Halloween Costume Contest. Award winners were McClain Mullins as Peter Pan, Justin Joyner as the Purple Pimp and Aaron Morrison as Harry Potter.

For many intramural sports is a great way to get outside, but not have the rigorous practice schedule that the official sport teams have.



Everybody Knows...
-You go to the grill to get something deep fried
-You go to the dorms to take a nap in between classes
-When people show up in their pajamas they had a rough night and just woke up
-It's tradition for East Central students to party on Thursdays
-You go to the bon fire for a good time
-You go to the cafeteria for that chicken on Thursdays



Rockin' with it, Jeremy Bright and Maryfrances Brantley enjoy themselves at EC's annual Homecoming Dance.

Rachel Oatman
West Lauderdale

Nichole Gray
Forest

Ashley Broch
Newton County

J.J. Downing
Philadelphia

Calvin Gray
Jackson

Above, trying to cover themselves, Cody Walters and Donovan Tate believe they are naked on stage and dancing ballet while hypnotized during the Welcome Back Week Hypnotist Show.

At right, believing he is driving his car while hypnotized, Daniel Cheatham enjoys the smooth ride and the "wind" in his face.

What Had Happened Was...

"I have heard what I did on stage, but I don't remember any of it."
-Donovan Tate

"I do not even know much about Elvis, and I did WHAT!"
-Michael Jolly

Peace, Love, EC

t left, in the biggest race of the year, Leanne White and Matthew Long are termined to beat their other hypnotized classmates.

elow, dancing around like ballerinas, some of the guys enjoyed being hypnotized a little too uch.

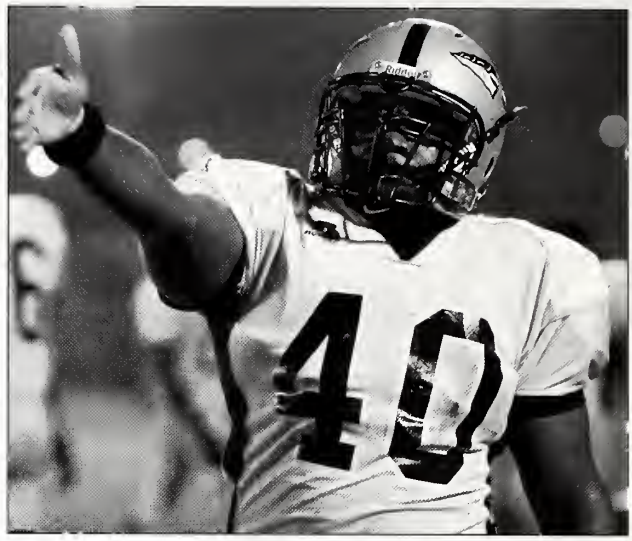
Welcome Back Week was full of exciting events. Wednesday night the hypnotist, Rick Aimes, made his debut performance at the College, and to many people's surprise, they were called on stage and really hypnotized. The hypnotist had the volunteers dance on stage like ballerinas, believing the audience was naked, and even had the guys believe they were supermodels. In the midst of this hilarious event, the audience was told that being hypnotized can do many things such as improve your ability to think in class, quit smoking, and at times do funny things, such as what the volunteers participated in. Other events for the week included the "Making it Count" program that helped students see the importance of staying focused on college, the Pep-Rally, the Welcome Back Dance and the Pep-Bus to the game against Coahoma Community College.

-Crystal Massey

"Uh-Oh Uh-Oh Uh-Oh Beyonce style." -Brandi Hopkins

"I can't believe I sang and danced just like Avril Lavigne in front of so many people!" -Rebecca Watkins

We got spirit, how about you???



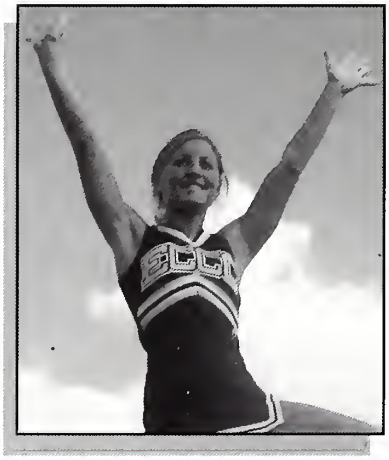
Sophomore football player Harvey Brown shows his spirit be cheering on his teammates with a Warrior chant.

First-year head football coach Steve Cheatham is congratulated by sophomores Josh Lewis and Jarvis Wilson following the Warriors' first victory of the season over Northeast Mississippi Community College.

After watching ECCC Warriors score, mascot Daniel Cheatham, runs down the sideline cheering.

What Had Happened Was...

"I love doing stunts in front of so many Warrior fans."
-Kayla Adcock, Winston Academy



"This being my last year at EC, I am trying to make it the best. I'm really going to miss EC."
-Santigous Culpepper, Forest

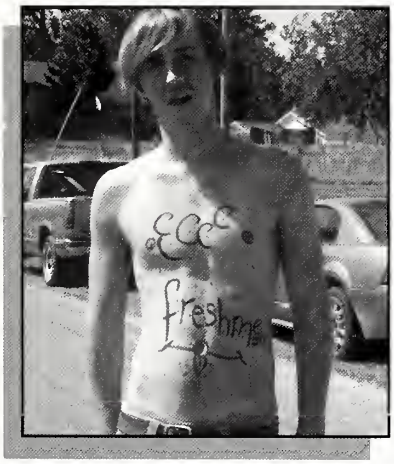
What is ECCC Warrior Spirit?

Encouraging the crowd to cheer is no easy task; however, sophomore cheerleader Dekota Anthony makes it look easy.

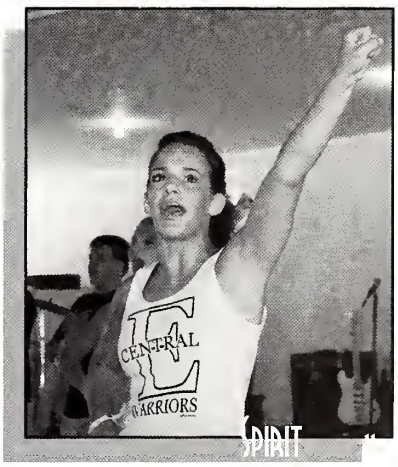
What is Spirit? It is a special attitude or frame of mind. Everyone has this kind of spirit, but does everyone have Warrior spirit? Spirit of the take- charge, battling back from defeat , ever-courageous kind, like ECCC's football team in never accepting defeat winning through sheer determination and perseverance. As sophomore Emily Wynne said, "Warrior spirit is having pride in oneself and his or her school, it's wanting to get involved to better the school for oneself and students to come". ECCC displays this in everything we do, "we face every obstacle with strength and determination," said freshman Olivia Lewis. East Central has Warrior spirit how about you?

~Tanika Robinson

"They said show school spirit, so I'm showing a lot of school spirit."
-Chris Swafford, Edinburg



"This being my last year of cheerleading, I'm really going to miss it!"
-Anna Munn, West Lauderdale



Many dormitory residents can be found during their leisure time competing at various video games. At top, from left, dorm resident Chuck Liddell and J.C. Moore play "old-school" Nintendo in Todd Hall during an afternoon after classes.

Photo by Leif Miller

Living on campus also includes a lot of time spent with friends and for athletes, those friends usually include their teammates. Above, from left, EC Diamond Warrior roommates, Drew Wilson of Newton County and Quin Stokes of Carthage, share a laugh while hanging out in their room in Newsome Hall.

The Internet is a new hot amenity in EC's dormitories. At right, Sophomore Amber Smith of Union logs onto the Net from her Barber Hall dorm room.

What Had Happened Was...

"Because my classes are so far apart, living in the dorms gives me a relaxing place to go between classes."
-Krystle Wolverton, Union

"I spend my time playing guitar hero and eating whatever I want, when I want."
-Josh Quick, Carthage

Dorm Daze

C students can be found most any afternoon hanging out in front of 'inston Hall in an area the students refer to as the "porch." At left, tudents Ben Barrett, Nathan Calvert, Hailey Moody, Evan Smart and asey Henderson spend the afternoon playing some tunes.

Photo by Leif Miller

arber Hall houses EC's Lady Warrior Soccer Team. Below, at right, team iembers strike a pose for the camera while spending time in the dorm.

The essence of dorm-life living at EC has changed during the past year. with the addition of the new amenities for residents. At the beginning of the 2008-09 school year. dorm residents were introduced to a more high-tech style of living. including wireless Internet access and cable TV.

"We finally get to watch our favorite shows." Barber Hall resident. Shanna Easley said of the new addition. Students also commented on the convenience of the Internet access in their rooms. stating how much easier the technology was for their class work needs.

Of course. the old staples of college dorm-life remain such as late night chats with roommates. dressing up together for a night out. video game tournaments. basketball in the street and tossing the ball on the dorm lawn.

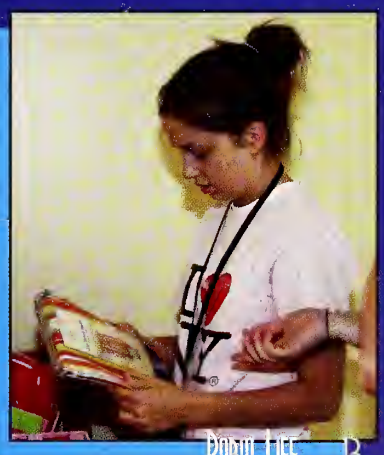
"And you can't forget making that good ole' sweet tea." said EC student and dorm resident of two years. Monika McMahan.

EC boasts five male resident halls. including Scott. Winston. Neshoba. Todd and Newsome: two female resident halls. Barber and Jackson: and a female Honors apartment building. Leake.

-From staff reports

"The dorm is a good place to study and spend time with friends."
-Shanna Easley, Florence

"Living in the dorms is different from living at home, but I love it!"
-Krista Thrash, Union



Working diligently in British Literature, Chad Rhinewalt and Tricia Vasquez say they decided to carpool because "it saved tremendously on gas costs and we just enjoy riding together! It's like Road Trip, but way better!"

Gas prices have played the villain to all students, especially to EC commuters. Looking off into the distance, freshman Jamie Butler wonders how much higher gas prices will get during the course of the year.

What Had Happened Was...

"I commute because I can live at home and still get a quality education."
-Tara Hudnall, Sophomore, Hickory

"I chose to commute because I wanted to have my own apartment."
-Morgan Sanford, Freshman, Morton

On the Road Again

Just like in action-packed thrillers, commuters are always racing against the clock! Often, they have to get up extra early to wade through the morning rush-hour traffic to make class on time.

People come from all over to be at East Central. New art instructor, Christopher Brady, drives an hour and a half every morning and evening to teach at Decatur University.. He says he has no regrets and loves the EC environment.

Ask any commuter and they will say life for them is like an action-packed blockbuster! Their typical morning routine consists of waking up at 6 a.m., getting dressed by 7, and out the door by 7:30 a.m. However, getting out the door on time is just the beginning of the morning. Once out the door, the rush-hour traffic is there to give a hearty good morning sure enough to wake up anyone from morning drowsiness. Then, after navigating through the traffic comes the hardest part: finding a parking spot and sprinting to class just before the doors close at 8 a.m.

Even with the mirage of morning events commuters must endure daily, life at East Central is much like everyone else's. Classes fill up most of the day, but everyone finds time to hang out with friends and catch up on the latest buzz across campus. Around noon, lunch brings a welcome break as commuters get a chance to take it easy for a bit. Any other free time consists of using popular communicating means such as the Student Bulletin, communication boards across campus, Facebook and e-mail to stay up to date on campus activities.

Once classes have ended, commuters generally hang around for a bit to "chill out" with close friends and get a feel of the EC experience. When they have had their fill of the day, they simply hop into their vehicles and head back to the comforting warmth of their own bedrooms where they rest and prepare to do it all over again the next day.

-Shaun Cooper

"I feel and work better at home, so I decided to commute."
-Marreo McDonald, Sophomore, Carthage

"I commute simply because East Central is the best place to be!"
-Sasha Grant, Freshman, Conehatta

Go EC!!!!!!!!!

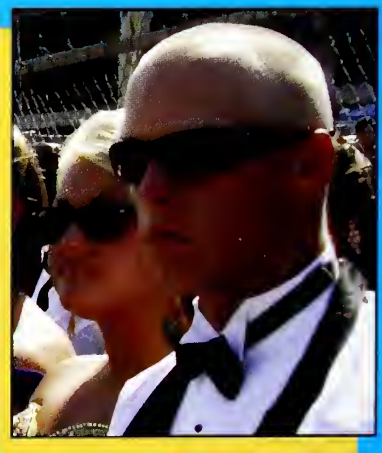
All dressed up for the game, East Central Warrior mascot Daniel Cheatham cheers for the Warriors during the homecoming game against Southwest Community College on Sept. 27, 2008.

Refusing to have a cast put on her broken ankle until after her crowning, Homecoming Queen Emily Thrash finally receives her cast from Dr. Irvin Martin immediately following Homecoming Halftime.

What Had Happened Was...

"I feel special because I am the first queen to have a broken leg during the presentation."
-Emily Thrash, Sebastopol

"Although getting dressed in a tux to walk on the football field was a first, it was enjoyable."
-Drew Wilson, Little Rock



80 Years of Memories

ncing around the bonfire during the annual
mecoming Bonfire Pep Rally, the Warriors
t fired up for the Homecoming game
ainst SWCC.

low, the 2008 Homecoming Court, Savanna Smith, Freshman
id; Hannah Watkins, Freshman Maid; Candi Vance, Sophomore
aid; Becky Culpepper, Sophomore Maid; Emily Thrash, Queen; Joy
ayes, Sophomore Maid; Bailey Brown, Freshman Maid; Briana
dison, Maid-of-Honor; and Kayla Hampton, Freshman Maid, pose for
photo during halftime.

This year's Homecoming festivities were a huge success. The festivities included the annual homecoming dance, a clubs and organization's building decorating contest, the annual pep rally/bonfire and homecoming day activities. The 2008 Homecoming Queen was Emily Thrash of Sebastopol. Her court consisted of maid-of-honor Briana Edison of Collins; sophomore maids Joy Hayes and Candi Vance, both of Decatur; and Becky Culpepper of Forest; and freshman maids Kayla Hampton of Louisville, Hannah Watkins of Sebastopol, Bailey Brown of Morton and Savanna Smith of Ocean Springs; and escorts Sam Lewis and Zach Pillsbury, both of Decatur; Patrick Patterson of Philadelphia, David Bender of Heidelberg, Daniel Byram of Sebastopol, Victor Taylor of Macon, Josh Dickerson of Union, Zach Boswell of Louisville and Drew Wilson of Little Rock. The court was presented Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008 during halftime of the ECCC v. Southwest Mississippi Community College football game. Thrash broke her leg playing softball on Wednesday before the Homecoming court was presented on Saturday. She was the first EC Homecoming Queen ever to have a broken leg while being presented. Although the Warriors fell short of a homecoming victory against the Bears, the Warriors put up a fight. Even the Warrior mascot, Daniel Cheatham, brawled against the Southwest Bear mascot. Of course, the Warrior won.

-Leif Miller

"Being the mascot is a lot of fun because I can be as crazy as I want and hardly anyone knows it's me!"
-Daniel Cheatham, Neshoba Central

"EC Warriors have improved every game; and we hope that we can continue to improve."
-Coach Steve Cheatham

ECCC Homecoming 2008

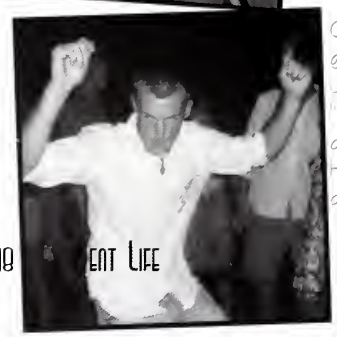
Freshman Maid Kayla Hamilton and her escort Hunter Taylor and Maid-of-Honor Briana Edison and her escort David Bender pose for a photo while cheering for the Warriors.

Below, Members of the 2008 Homecoming Court, Drew Wilson, Savanna Smith, Hannah Watkins, Josh Dickerson, Becky Culpepper and Patrick Patterson, watch the Warriors take on the Southwest Community College Bears.

Sophomore Donnie Anderson of Philadelphia discusses the plans for the Environmental Club sign with Sophomore Joy Huwett of House while she paints Betty Boop for the building decorations contest.

At left, Warriors Donovan Tate, C.J. Estelle and Quadarius Wallace dance to the Wall 'O Sound performance during the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Getting his groove on, Jerry Bright "walks it out" during the Homecoming dance.



The annual 5K Run/Walk was part of the homecoming festivities held Saturday morning. The race boasted 7 1 participant The overall female winner was Kim Crenshaw of Meridian with a time of 25:23 minutes. Mike Thrailkill of Hickory was the overall male winner with a time of 18:33 minutes. First-place division winners in their respective age groups are, front ro from left, Dixie Rivers of Oxford, Ala., Jeff Grimshel of Vicksburg, Huel Sills of Vicksburg, Emily Baysinger of Philadelphia, Crenshaw and Roxanna McCarty of Philadelphia; back row from left, Lee Wilson of Meridian, Thrailkill, Buddy Pierce of Meridian, James Shaldnagle of Newton, Andrew Hanna of Union, Janice Crawford Collins of Meridian and Shannon McMullar of Decatur. First place division winners not pictured are Emily Franklin of Union, Lori McMullan of Decatur, Judy Crowson of Meridian, Neal Holliman and Joe Killens, both of Decatur.

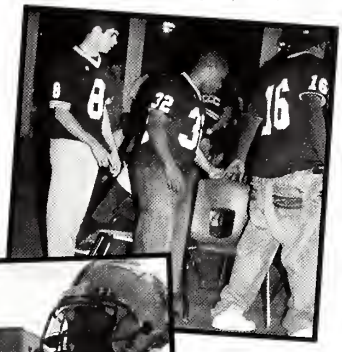
Catch the Spirit

Far left, the homecoming game welcomed an overflowing crowd to cheer on the Warriors.

The Warriors hosted the annual Homecoming Pep Rally/Bon Fire on Thursday night before homecoming. The event featured performances by EC's Centralettes, Wall 'O Sound Marching Band, Cheerleaders and a game of musical chairs.
At left, Warrior Cheerleaders pep the crowd with a Black & Gold cheer.

Below, Warriors Derek Crenshaw, Marcus Travis and Josh Lewis participate in musical chairs during the Homecoming Pep Rally.

East Central staff members Maria McLeod, Vicki Blaylock and Natalie Emmons sing the National Anthem before kick-off.



Warrior Coach Fred Lyons, and Warriors Maurice Langston and Lorenzo Hollis watch as their teammates fight the Bears during the homecoming game.

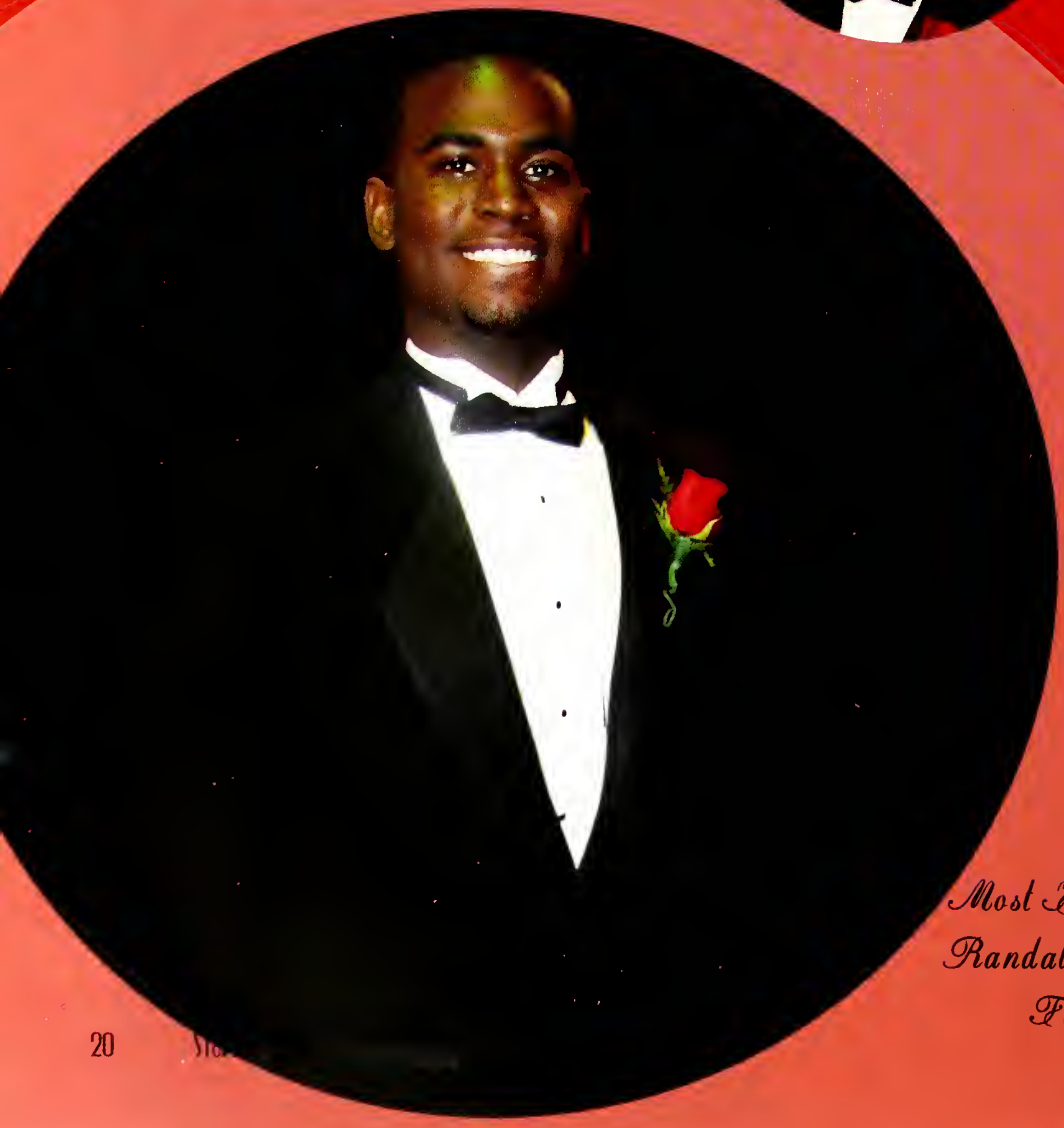
Homecoming Queen Emily Thrash and the Warrior Mascot Daniel Cheatham pose for photos.

The Warrior mascot wins a fight against the Southwest Bear during the homecoming game.

Hooray For Hollywood

Van Williams
Lawrence

Lance Goodin
Louisville



Most Handsome
Randall Hudson
Forest

Cody Ming
Louisville

Clint Sloan
Louisville

Anna Johnson
Union

Most Beautiful
Adrienne Bird
Morton

Amber Madison
Philadelphia

Denetra Dardin
Louisville

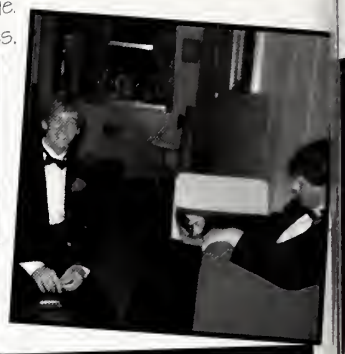
Bailey Brown
Morton

"Hooray for Hollywood" was the theme for this year's beauty pageant, which was held in Huff Auditorium on Oct. 20. Thirty one students tried for the title Most Beautiful, yet only one was selected, Adrienne Bird of Morton. All the time she spent preparing for the debut paid off when she received this year's crown.
The ladies opened the night with a showcased dance routine. Everyone was getting anxious while waiting backstage for their curtain call. Even the paparazi of Beans waited patiently for their time to shine on stage. However, Randall Hudson stole the show being named Most Handsome.
Entertainment at the event included Oscar-worthy performances by Natalie Emmons, Ashley Buckman, Drew Harrison and Maria McLeod.

Jody Lawson

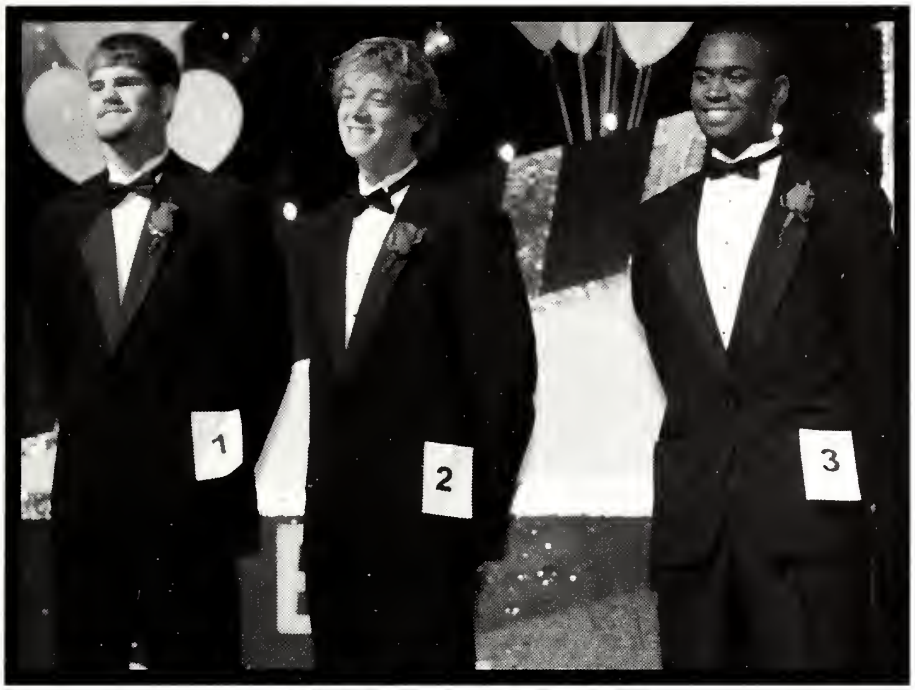
Top right: Lance Goodin and Cody Ming sit and chill while awaiting their time on stage.
Bottom right: Shandah Hickman poses for the judges.

Right: Dekota Anthony, Candi Vance, Courtney James and Krystle Welverton dance during the opening for the pageant.



Above: Clint Sloan and Anna Powell show off for the audience during the opening dance.
Far right: Dekota Anthony, Amber Madison and Adrienne Bird pose for the camera after the pageant.
Left top: Lance Goodin and Calli Cumberland act glamorous during the opening dance.
Bottom left: Drew Harrison and Natalie Emmons entertain the audience.
Right: The Top 11, Kayla Hampton, Bailey Brown, Candi Vance, Denetra Dardin, Joy Hayes, Krystle Welverton, Amber Madison, Adriene Bird, Anna Fulton and Dekota Anthony pause backstage awaiting the final results.

Below left: Anterga Coleman presents herself to the judges.
Below right: Clint Sloan, Lance Goodin and Randall Hudson share their moment in the spotlight competing for Most Handsome.



Below top: Denetra Darden struts her stuff during the opening dance.
Below middle: Emily Thrash takes the stage as Most Beautiful 2007 in true Hollywood fashion.

Far right: Lindsey Sanders finishes her hair with a smile before going onstage.
Above middle: Rachel Ramirez and Kadie Hadley wish each other good luck before the pageant.
Above right: Kacy Covert gets her dress prepared for the evening wear competition.
Left: Krystle Wolverton, Candi Vance, Dekota Anthony, and Anna Powell wait to walk onstage.

Spring Spree's overall winners of both the Volleyball Competition and the Games O.W.F.I. showed great teamwork and skill as they played their way to the top. This team's dedication included a team member injuring her ankle, but prevailing through the pain to bring in the victory.

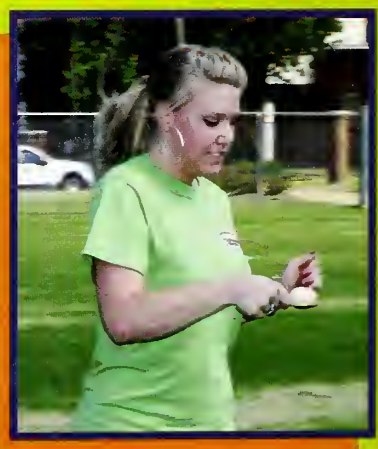
Celebrating their team's success, David Brackett and Kolby Sisson soak teammate Aaron Morrison with what was left of their water. Team members were to pour water from a cup into a water bottle that was on Morrison's head. The obstacle was that team members had to stand in the chair while Morrison lied flat on the ground.

The many EC students plagued by Spring Fever gather together for a group shot before their competitive natures kick in.

What Had Happened Was...

"The crawfish was very spicy and delicious; it was such a fun day!"
-Amber Madison

"Being able to put the books down and get outside to play around was very enjoyable."
-Amanda Hines



IF YOU DIDN'T COME TO PLAY...

On April 24, 2008, an epic event took place. Students joined together in teams of six girls and six guys, gathered at Bill and Louise Bailey Stadium, and competed in East Central's popular Spring Spree. Designed to give students a break from studying, Spring Spree is a week of volleyball, crawfish and fun. The week started with an optional Volleyball Tournament. A majority of the competing teams tested their beach volleyball skills in front of Todd Hall. O.W.F.I. proved to be the best in sand, taking home first prize in the tournament. Wednesday, students gathered at the practice field for a delicious crawfish boil. Spring Spree week concluded on Thursday at the Stadium.

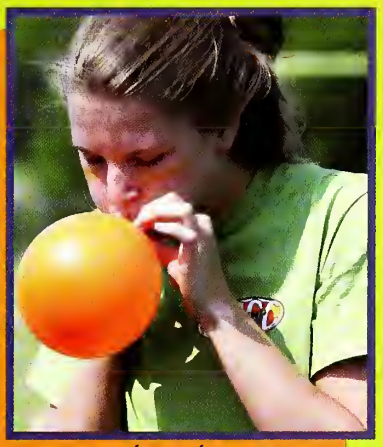
Teams competed in field games such as Three-Legged Race, Egg Race, Amoeba Race, Egg Drop, Balloon Bust, Bat Spin, Banana Race and Hula Hoop Chain. While the Amoeba Race is the most popular and difficult, participants enjoy every aspect of the games. Everyone who's ever played knows the games "ain't clean, but they are fun." However, everyone likes to get down and dirty...especially at EC's Spring Spree because "If you didn't come to play, you shouldn't have come at all!"

-Kylie Rigdon

In the ever famous Three-Legged Race, Blaylock's Blabbers members Emilee Lanier and Joy Hayes hop and laugh their way to the finish line.

"Getting eggs cracked over my head wasn't clean, but it sure was fun!"
-Juley Taylor

"Spring Spree was a great way to relax and enjoy my last few weeks at EC!"
-Connie Savell



You Shouldn't Have

Like a professional in the Olympics, Kasey Crutcher serves the ball to the opposing team in the second round of the Volleyball Tournament.

Determined to make his team proud, Kolby Sisson puts forth the effort and breath to blow up his balloon and pop it to keep his team at the top.

Not standing a chance with EC students around, the crawfish are shortly devoured.

Thrilled to have almost reached the finish line, Britni Wright is all smiles during the Egg Race.

Come At All!

(Far left): With sand flying and the crowd cheering, Sharks player, McClain Mullins attempts to recover the ball before it goes out of bounds. (Left): Breathing a sigh of relief after passing the hula hoop onto his teammate, Noah Cook looks on as Aaron Mann skillfully hops through the hula hoop. At the same time, Dru Anderson anxiously awaits her turn.

(Top): With anxiety clearly showing on her face, Nicole Dunavant carefully hurries to the finish line with her unbroken egg. (Bottom): During a break between games, Anna Laurie Ezelle listens to the comments other teammates.

(Middle left): Securing the egg safely on his spoon, Justin Traylor prepares for his long walk with the egg during the Egg Race. (Middle): As if he knows something that we don't, Shaun Cooper smiles as he carries his egg toward his team. (Middle right): With nothing but thoughts of victory, Kylie Rigdon manages to find enough breath to blow up her balloon before she sits on it to pop it.

(Left): Using the crouching technique, Sharla Joyner attempts to pour water from a cup into a water bottle on her teammate, Aaron Morrison's head. (Right): Finding it much easier to run barefoot, Rebecca Watkins runs with much gusto to get rid of the banana before it gets squished.

Serving as a preview for the basketball season, Haunted House of Hoops shows what EC has to offer its fans in the upcoming season.

Cheerleaders show their true 80s spirit as they entertain the crowd between scrimmages.

The drumline always gets the crowds energy going as they perform at the Haunted House of Hoops.

What Had Happened Was...

"I can't believe I made the shot and scored free tuition."
-Veronica Smith, Forest High School

"I was glad that I won the costume contest... especially since I wore just tights and a shirt and pranced in front of everyone."
McClain Mullins, Mooreville High School

It's Creepy and It's Cooky, Mysterious and Spooky...

The Centralettes definitely have disco fever as they strike the ending pose for their 70s dance number.

The Haunted House of Hoops, held annually for fans to preview the basketball teams and have some Halloween fun, took place on Oct. 29 in the Brackeen-Wood Gym. Both the Lady Warriors and Warriors played brief scrimmages. There was also a free-throw contest for free tuition in the spring, where Veronica Smith made the winning shot. Also, a three-point shoot-off between assistant women's basketball and softball coach, Kristin Chaney, and Scott Hill, head softball coach, was held with Coach Chaney claiming the victory.

The Tom-Tom held a costume contest. McClain Mullins as Peter Pan; Justin Joyner as the Purple Pimp and Aaron Morrison as Harry Potter, took respective places. In addition, there was a three-point contest for the ladies and a slam-dunk contest for the men.

Other attractions included performances by the Cheerleaders, Centralettes and Drumline. The Centralettes got groovy to a mix of 70s hits while the Cheerleaders rocked to the 80s one-hit wonders and hair bands. While perhaps it is not as creepy or spooky as once thought, the Haunted House of Hoops was definitely cooky and a ton of fun.

"I haven't been able to slam dunk in about 5 years... or the other 15 years either...that's why I have friends like MJ and Kobe."
-Drew Harrison, Newton County High School

"Being Captain Hook was great, except I got a huge blister on my foot from my shoes."
-Aaron Mann, Carthage High School

Oscars

Honors

Every year at East Central, a new group of students arises that seems to appear apart from their peers. They are the individuals that students know, teachers respect and work hard for everything they have achieved. They are not all the same; however, because each student has come from widely different backgrounds and experiences. What they do share, though, is their common drive for success and willingness to lead by example.

At EC, administrators have constructed the opportunity for each student to stand apart from the pack and proclaim themselves as campus leaders. For example, the popularity-driven Mr. and Miss ECCC and the Homecoming Court elections give students the ability to showcase their unique charisma among their peers in these notable races. Also, members of the Student Body Association are elected to work closely with Joe Killens to organize many of campus' most popular activities.

Other honors at East Central are not solely based on student body appeal, but on the academic achievements of the individuals considered for coveted positions. Students who possess strong academic excellence, positively add to the campus environment and who are respected among faculty may find themselves nominated for East Central's highest honor – the ECCC Hall of Fame. Not only that, but each year high academic-achieving students are selected for *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*.

Students named to any one of East Central's many honors are noted for their hard work, dedication and respect among faculty members and their peers. They are in positions of leadership and utilize their success to bring success to those around them.

`Shaun Cooper

Ten people who...succeed.

Megan Munn
Newton Academy

Kacy Covert
West Lauderdale

Nicole Dunavant
Newton County

Anna Johnson
Union

Brandi Tollett
Louisville

Phi Theta Kappa inducts students into the society based on a his or her grade point average. Below, Phi Theta Kappa is inducting its new members for the 2008-2009 school year.

(At left) Mr. and Miss EC is a long standing tradition. In January 2009, EC students elected Matt Wade and Kristina Ealy, both of Forest.

(At right) Class favorites are composed of four sophomore males and females and three freshman males and females. In January 2009, McClain Mullins, Aaron Mann, and Kacy Covert were just three of the eight sophomores elected as favorites and Kerri Cook and Cody Ming are two of the six freshman favorites.

At EC, people have come to know the name and face of Lance Goodin. Goodin is very involved in EC Players and Yearbook, among many others. He was also elected as Beau in the Beauty and Beau Pageant and a Freshman Class Favorite.

Josh Dickerson
Newton County

Justin Traylor
Florence

Sidney Gutierrez
Richland

Kyle Barrett
Newton County

Aaron Morrison
Newton Academy

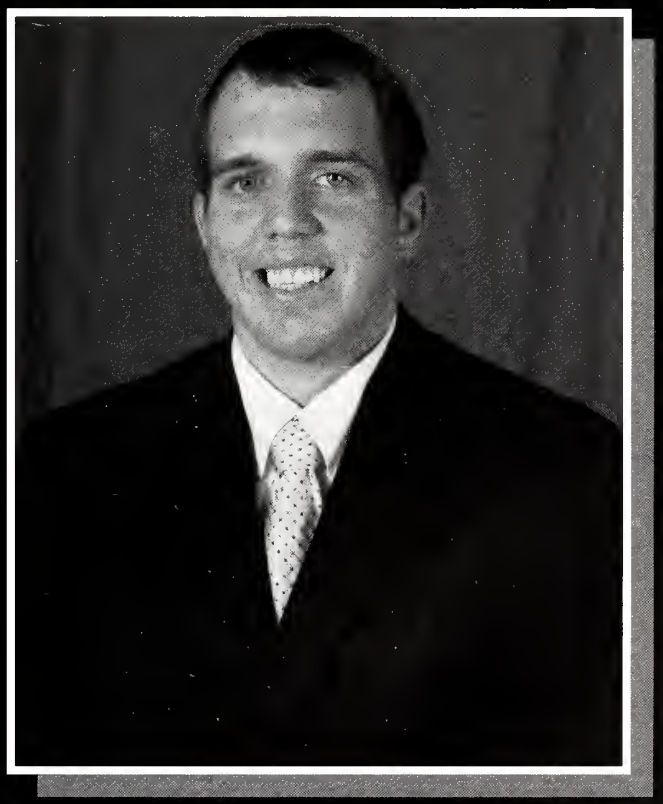
Mr. and Miss ECCC

Kristina Ealy

Kristina Ealy, an honors graduate of Forest High School and the recipient of the Best Citizen award, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Ealy of Forest. She is a member of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band and Warrior Corps. She is the recipient of academic achievement and band scholarships. Kristina enjoys shopping, dancing and bowling. She describes herself as "a very outgoing and intelligent person." Kristina enjoys the campus activities most about East Central. "East Central is a great place to start your college career," she said. During her time at EC, Kristina said she has learned how to be responsible. "I will miss all the great friends and staff I have met here at EC the most," she said. Kristina plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and major in elementary education.

Matt Wade

Matt Wade, son of Chuck and Kathy Wade of Forest, is a graduate of Forest High School, where he was selected Most School Spirit and Best Personality. He is on the Warriors Tennis Team and is a recipient of the ACT, Leadership, Tennis and Mable Moore Carr scholarships. His hobbies include playing tennis and golf. Wade describes himself as "laid back and easy going." While at EC, Matt has learned to be himself. "I love the small atmosphere and being able to walk across campus and see someone I know." Matt said he will miss the friends he made while at EC the most. He plans to attend Mississippi State University and major in secondary education.



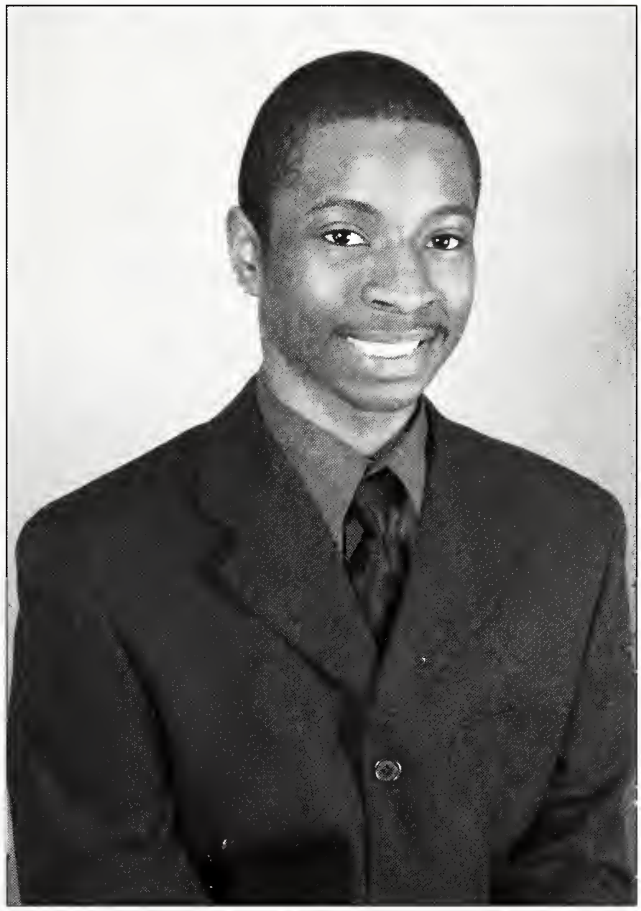
Kyle Barrett

"He is an excellent example of what an East Central student should be like: dedicated, hardworking, and proud to be an East Central Warrior."

Kyle Barrett is a graduate of Newton County High School and the son of Joe and Glenda Barrett of Decatur. A President's List scholar, his other academic honors include Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Dean's List Scholar, EC Concert Choir Award 2007-08, EC Beau 2006-07, *Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges*, Robert G. Fick Memorial Scholarship and Pleas Clayton and Amanda Breazeale Blount Memorial Scholarship. During Kyle's two years at East Central, he has been an active member of the Ac'cents, Collegians, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Wall O' Sound Marching Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and Drum Line. He participated as a member of the EC Players in the Spring 2008 production of "Grease" and President's Council in 2007-08.

Shaun Cooper

Shaun Cooper, a graduate of Newton County High School, is the son of Jocelyn Townsend of Newton. He is a President's List Scholar, a recipient of the Weems Family Scholarship and was chosen for *Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges*. Shaun was also awarded first place in the State Phi Beta Lambda competitions for word processing and computer applications. He is an active member of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter and President's Council, where he serves as president of both organizations. He is vice president of the East Central Environmental Club, assistant editor of the *Wo-He-Lo* and opinion's editor of *The Tom-Tom*. Shaun is also an active member of Phi Beta Lambda, Student Education Association and as a math and science tutor, where he assisted other students in their classes.



"Shaun is the best example of a student deserving of the highest honor at East Central."

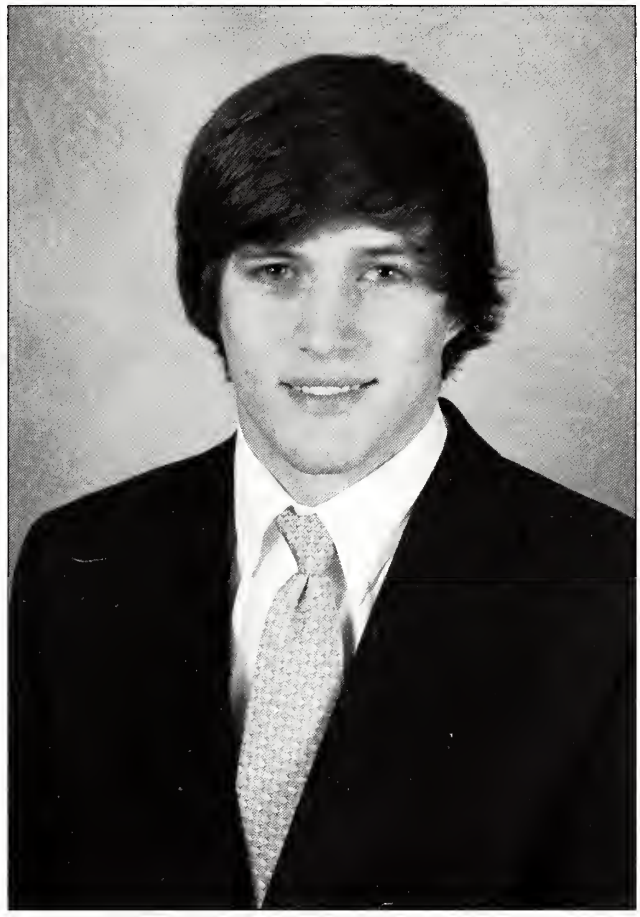
Joshua Dickerson

Joshua Dickerson, the son of Ed and Stella Dickerson of Union, is a graduate of Newton County High School. Joshua is a member of Phi Beta Lambda, Phi Theta Kappa, ECCC Players, SkillsUSA and serves Phi Beta Lambda's state parliamentarian. He was awarded first place in parliamentary procedures during the national Phi Beta Lambda competition, a first in EC history. He was selected for Who's *Who Among American Junior College Students*, Phi Beta Lambda *Who's Who* and the 2008 Hall of Fame for Mississippi's Phi Beta Lambda. Joshua's strong academic record led to his being named to the President's and Dean's lists.

"A well-rounded student who excels in the classroom and in everyday life... A person with character that will succeed in life."

Daniel Johnson

Daniel Johnson, a graduate of Union High School, is the son of Burl and Denise Johnson of Union. Daniel not only excels in the classroom, but also keeps his focus with his extracurricular activities. He is an active member of the Warrior Golf Team, Alpha Alpha Epsilon, Mu Alpha Theta and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Daniel is a President's List scholar, a recipient of the S. Lebrun Hutchinson Engineering Award, Freshmen Mathematics Award and *Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges*. Daniel received EC Scholars, Shelby Harris Memorial and Mississippi Auto Manufacturing Association scholarships.



"Daniel excels in all aspects of East Central...He has won various academoc awards and scholarships for his excellent academic record and is also an active member of many clubs."

Megan Munn

Megan Munn, daughter of Don and Joy Munn of Decatur, is a graduate of Newton County High School. Megan is a member of the Lady Warrior Soccer and Fast-Pitch Softball teams. She is also a member of the Baptist Student Union Council and "The Way." In addition, she is active in the Soccer Community Service Project. Megan's honors in soccer include being named to the MACJC All-State team. She also received the Academic Award and twice was named best offensive player. She and her 2007 teammates were honored by receiving the Tom Shepherd Sportsman Award. Megan is a President's and Dean's list scholar, a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and *Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges*.

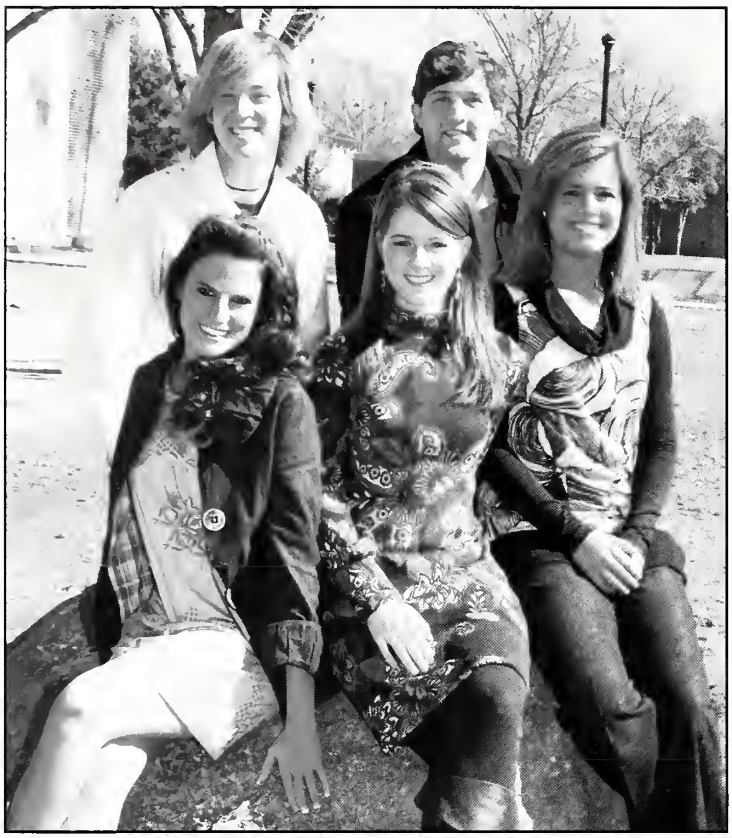
"Megan is an outstanding student... She is a truly gifted person... is very focused and extremely motivated to do well. Megan displays a great attitude and tremendous dedication."

Emily Thrash

Emily Thrash, a Sebastopol High School graduate, is the daughter of Danny and Susan Thrash of Sebastopol. She serves as president of the EC student body, and was selected as sophomore class favorite and Homecoming Queen for 2008. Emily's honors include being a President's List Scholar, a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and *Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges*. During her freshman year, Emily was chosen Most Beautiful and served as class president. She was also selected as freshman class favorite. She is an active member of the President's Council, Warrior Corps, Diamond Lady Warriors and is a member of the Warrior Cheerleading Squad.

"Emily has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while being involved with many campus activities. She is a great representative of ECCC."

Class Favorites



Freshman Class

Freshman class favorites include: (front row) Kerri Cook of Carthage, Anna Fulton of Louisville, and Bailey Brown of Morton; and (back row) Lance Goodin of Louisville, and Cody Ming of Louisville. Not pictured is Edgar Alvarez of Forest.

Sophomore Class

Sophomore class favorites include: (front row) Becky Culpepper of Forest, Kacy Covert of Collinsville, Emily Thrash of Union, and Calli Cumberland of Decatur; and (back row) Jack Edmonson of Louisville, McClain Mullins of Tupelo, and Aaron Mann of Carthage. Not pictured is Nathan Chaney of Philadelphia.

Who's Who Among American Junior and Community Colleges

Students are selected for this prestigious honor based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. These sophomores join an elite group of students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all fifty states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

(First row, from left): Anna Laurie Ezelle, Emily Thrash, Sherry Weeks, Josh Dickerson, Shaun Cooper, Anna Munn, Sidney Gutierrez, Jessica Galloway, Brittany Cushman and Windie Poston; (Second row): Briana Edison, Genny Freeman, Amber Smith, Megan Munn, Caiti Slay, Emilee Lanier, Kylie Rigdon, Lacy McMurry, Kasey Crutcher, Angela Valentine and Reva Coate; (Third row): Calli Cumberland, Adrienne Bird, Candi Vance, Ben Thomas, Drew Harrison, Aaron Morrison, Anna Johnson, Tammy Plaisance and Donavan Tate; and (Fourth Row): Allen Cheek, Timothy Maloney, Tyler Nicholson, Derek Crenshaw, Kolby Sisson, Jonathan Fedrick, Aaron Mann, Nicole Dunavant and Austin Crouther. Not pictured: Courtney Albritton, Dustin Alley, Dekota Anthony, Jordan Clark, Spencer Dickerson, Kim Foy, Doug Kelley, Brandi Mathes, Marsha Payne, Paula Bounds, Tyler Handsford, Krystle Wolverton, Daniel Johnson, Leslie Mangrum, Autumn Durant, Sarah Eakes, Jasen Fairley, Joy Hayes, Kyle Killens, Lolita Jordan, Josh Luckett, Laken Morgan, Kristi Stapp, Beth Stephens, Devarus Walker and Ashley Dunn.

Student Body President Emily Thrash

Emily Thrash is a sophomore nursing major and the daughter of Danny and Susan Thrash of Sebastopol. At East Central, she serves as student body association president, captain of the cheerleading squad and was 2008 Homecoming Queen. She is also a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Warrior Corps and the Lady Warrior softball team. She was selected for freshman class favorites and was named East Central's Most Beautiful for 2007. A graduate of Sebastopol High School, Miss Thrash was selected Miss SHS, Homecoming Queen and Student Body President. She was selected a UCA All-Star Cheerleader, a MAC Slow-Pitch All-Star and valedictorian of her graduating class.

~Ashley Dumas

Student Body Officers

(from left) Emily Thrash, President; Anna Laurie Ezelle, Vice President; and Kylie Rigdon, Treasurer. Not pictured: Kasey Crutcher, Secretary.

Sophomore Class Officers

(back row, from left) Candi Vance, Secretary; and Joy Hayes, Vice President; (front row from left) Briana Edison, Treasurer; and Calli Cumberland, President.

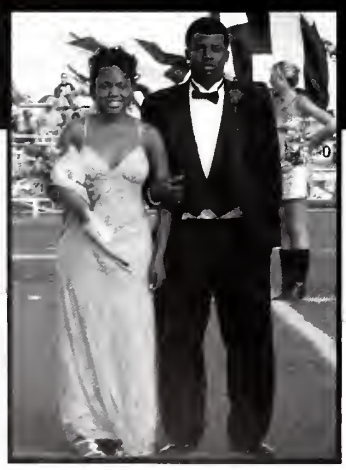
Freshman Class Officers

(back row, from left) Edgar Alvarez, President; and Cody Ming, Vice President; (front row, from left) Venyatha Norris, Treasurer; and Kayla Hampton, Secretary.

Homecoming Queen - Emily Thrash

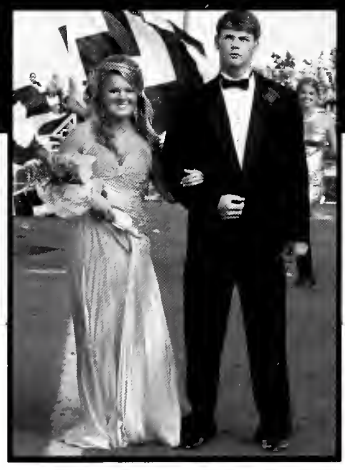
Escorted by: Daniel Byram, Crowned by: Dr. Phil A. Sutphin

2007 Homecoming Queen, Dru Anderson, presented the bouquet

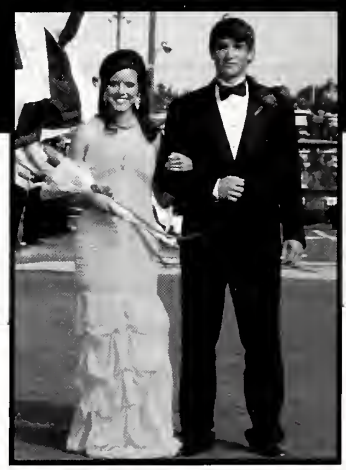


Maid of Honor Briana Edison
Escorted by: David Bender

Sophomore Maid: Becky Culpepper
Escorted by: Patrick Patterson



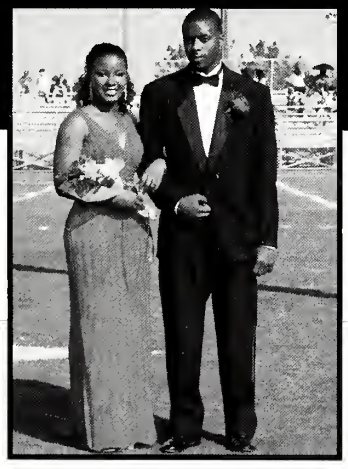
Sophomore Maid: Joy Hayes
Escorted by: Sam Lewis



Sophomore Maid: Candi Vance
Escorted by: Zach Pillsbury

Homecoming Court 2008

Freshman Maid: Bailey Brown
Escorted by: Zach Boswell



Freshman Maid: Kayla Hampton
Escorted by: Victor Taylor

Freshman Maid: Savanna Smith
Escorted by: Drew Wilson

Freshman Maid: Hannah Watkins
Escorted by: Josh Dickerson

HEADWAE Honorees

Music instructor Vicki Blaylock of Newton and sophomore engineering major Daniel Johnson of Union have been named East Central's HEADWAE Instructor and Student of the Year for 2008-09. This award was established by the Mississippi Legislature to honor academically talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence.

Vicki Blaylock

Daniel Johnson

Blaylock, who serves as vocal/choral music instructor, began her employment at ECCC in 2000. In addition to teaching, she serves as director of the Ac'cents, the College's show choir and the Concert Choir. Blaylock was honored in 2003 as a "Lamplighter." Prior to joining the ECCC staff, she was music instructor for grades K-12 for Newton Public School District. She is also a former piano instructor for Winona Public Schools. She has more than 26 years experience as a music educator. She holds memberships in several professional organizations, including the American Choral Directors' Association and the Mississippi Music Educators' Association.

Johnson is a President's List scholar with a perfect 4.0 average. He is a member of the Warrior Golf Team, Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges; Alpha-Alpha-Epsilon, "The Engineers;" and Mu Alpha Theta, for students interested in mathematics. Johnson was recently named to Who's Who Among Students in Junior Colleges.

Lamplighters

These teachers represented East Central at the 2008 Lamplighter Conference, which recognizes the state's community and junior college instructors.

From left: Kevin Ryals, speech; Theresa Cole, healthcare assistant; Deborah Hammons, computer science; Ruth Gregory, business technology and Curt Skipper, biology.

Instructors of the Year

Biology instructor Joe Johnson of Suqualena has been named ECCC's Academic Instructor of the Year for 2008-09. Surgical Technology instructor Kristie Pilgrim of Union has been named ECCC's Career-Technical Instructor of the Year for 2008-09. Johnson and Pilgrim were both honored during the end-of-the-year faculty dinner.

Joe Johnson

Kristie Pilgrim

Becoming a teacher was not something Joe Johnson intended to happen. "Almost everyone in my family taught school," said Johnson, "and during high school I decided I would NEVER do that for a living! But, when I started looking for a job after graduate school, the only jobs out there were teaching jobs. I took a teaching job with the idea that it would just be temporary, and over 30 years later here I am getting ready to retire."

Johnson began his career at East Central in 1990 as an adjunct instructor and took a full time position in 2001. He currently serves as Chairman of the Science Division and teaches general biology and zoology. He has been honored many times as an instructor including being named STAR Teacher on four occasions, Tandy Teacher twice, Favorite Teacher at Northwest Junior High School four years in a row and Teacher of the Year two times. Johnson and his wife, Robin, live in the Suqualena community of Lauderdale County where he is a member of the Suqualena Community Development Club and is a former Man of the Year for Lauderdale County.

Kristie Pilgrim is currently in her eighth year as an instructor in the College's Surgical Technology program. "As long as I can remember I knew that I was destined to teach," Pilgrim said. "Even as a young child I would read to my dolls and conduct classroom lessons on a chalkboard," she said. Pilgrim said teaching is very rewarding and that the best part is being able to share her knowledge and love of Surgical Technology with students in a way that they may become successful individuals in the healthcare field.

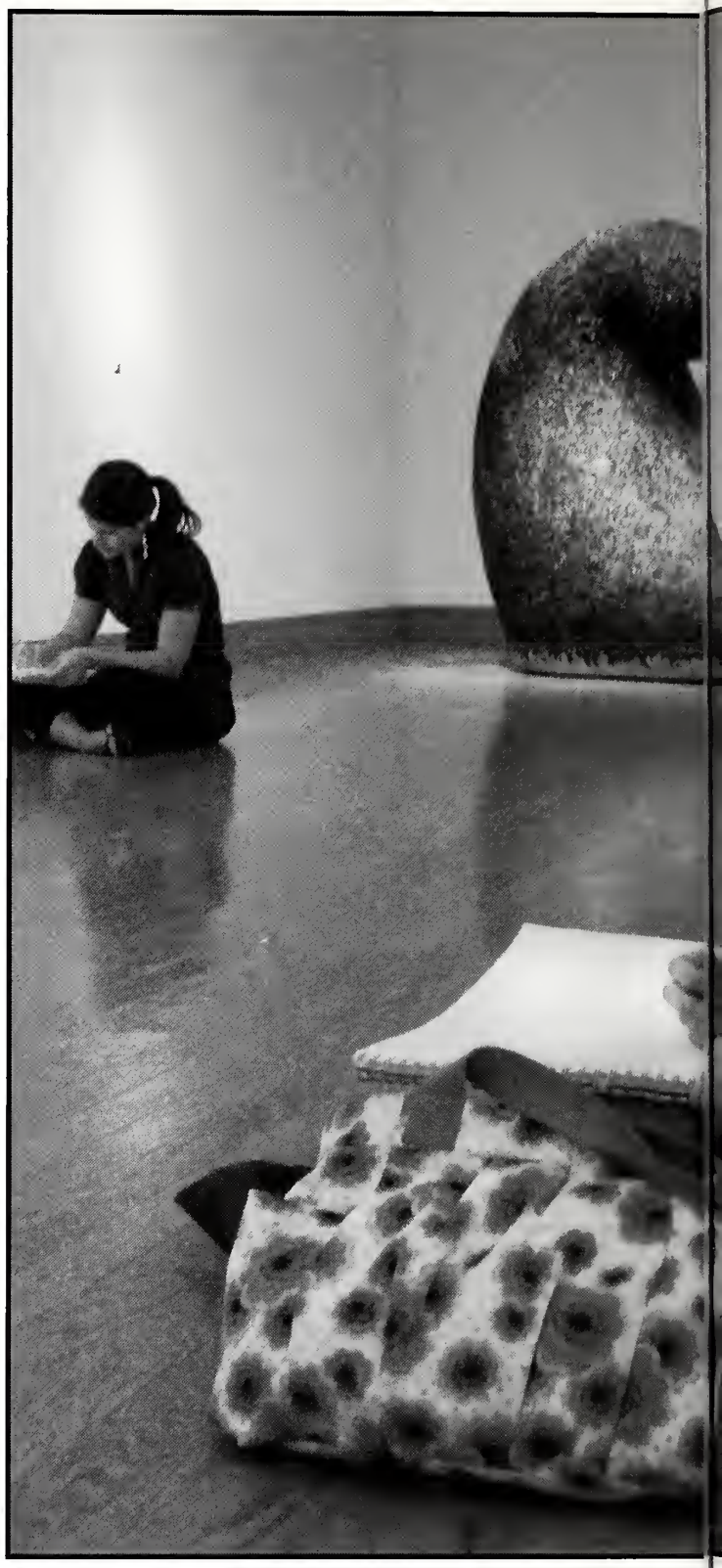
Pilgrim has been selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers and has been a member of the Association of Surgical Technologists for eight years. She and her husband, Todd, are the parents of two-and-a-half-year-old twins, Macie Caraline and Mason Thomas. The family resides in Union.

The Cast and Crew

People

Take a minute to imagine what East Central would be like if all the people disappeared for a day. Aside from state-of-the-art facilities, a dazzling campus, and a central location in this quaint little town, there really would be nothing left. East Central is a college that truly thrives on its people to keep it buzzing with excitement! One look around campus and one would be astounded at the diversity among the cast of East Central. There are a mixture of cultures that range anywhere from Native American to Caucasian and African American to those of Oriental descent. Another look would reveal that the student body consists of bohemians of some local, and some not so local, high schools to some who have returned after experiencing life in the real world and raising families.
The faculty and administration that keep East Central's lights burning bright are just as diverse, if not more, as the student body. Instructors can be found lecturing in classrooms or having laughs with their students between classes; whereas, the administration stays hard at work keeping things in order. So without its people, East Central would be your typical college, but its teeming diversity, combined with a hard-working staff, is what makes East Central the headlining act when compared to all the rest!

~Shaun Cooper



Ten People who...Love ECI

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin

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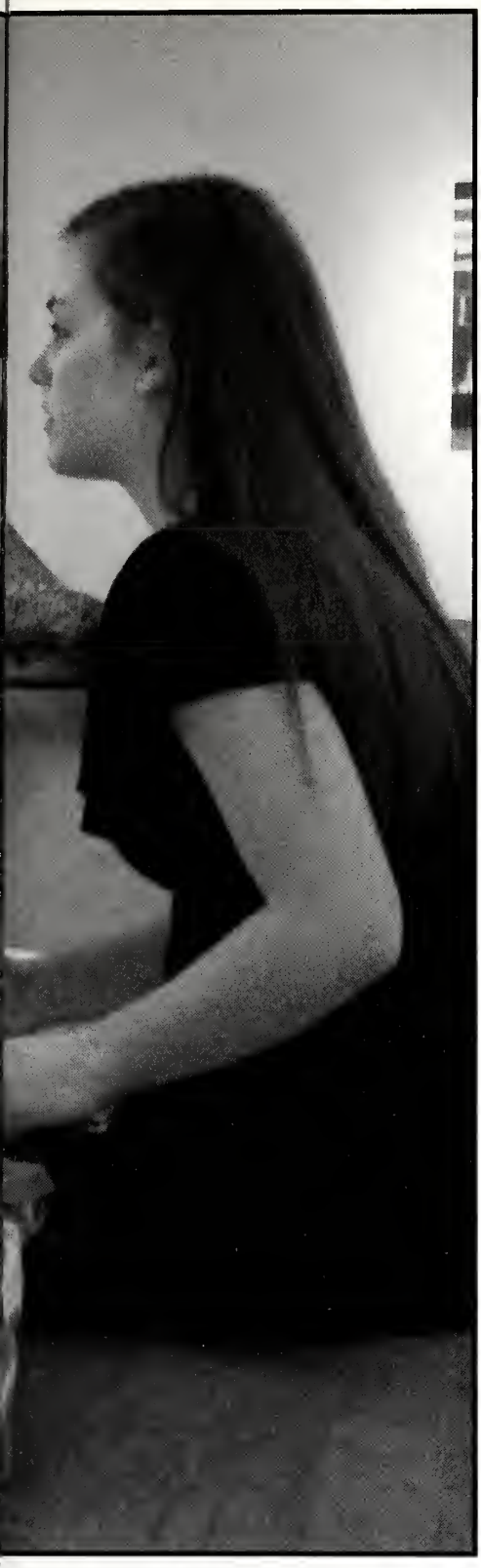
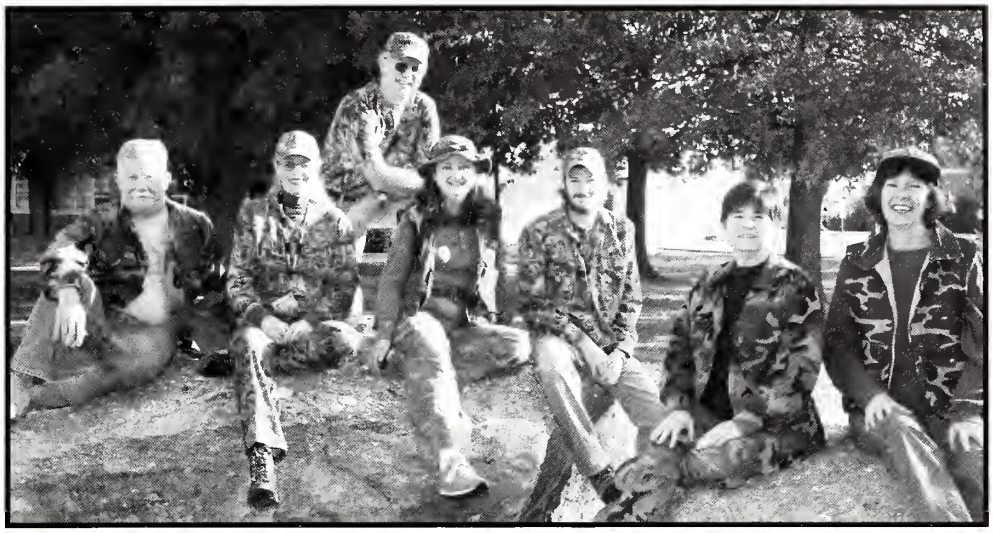
Vicki Blaylock

Kevin Ryals



Observing a peice of famous artwork at a museum, Jamie Graham, sophomore art major, works on a master's copy at the Birmingham Museum of Art.



Getting into the festivities, professors in the science department get dressed in camoflague for Halloween. Trying to make themselves blend into the background are physics instructor William Miles, biology instructor Kim Hardy, biology instructor Joe Johnson, biology instructor Patti Davis, biology instructor Curt Skipper, chemistry instructor Peggy Clayton and biology instructor Sharon LeJeune.

At the first ever Phi Theta Kappa sponsored Leadership Camp, members have a little fun by pretending to have slain one of their leaders, Shaun Cooper. Kylie Rigdon was the other leader and particpants include (left to right) Billy Wragg, Caiti Slay, Tyler Watkins, Nicole Dunavant, Emilee Lanier and Matt Naylor.

Gracing EC students with their presence, George and Martha Washington, played by Dr. Phillip Crenshaw and Susan Fox-Smith, prepare to sign the Constitution for the annual Constitution Day.

Briana Edison
Collins

Tanika Robinson
Forest

Lance Goodin
Louisville

Susan Fox-Smith

Drew Johnston
Carthage

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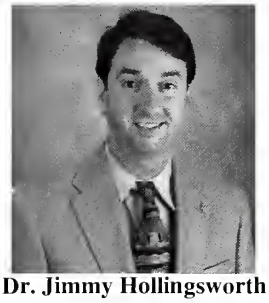
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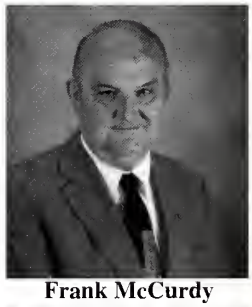
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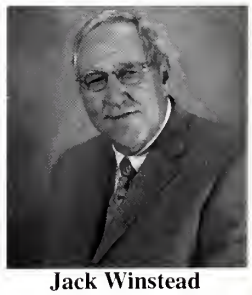

Jack Winstead

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin and his wife, Peggy. They enjoy spending time with their two sons, Brent and Brad.

The American President

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin has served as the President of East Central Community College since 2000. He has a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a doctorate's degree, with an emphasis in community college education. He received his doctorate degree in 1987, from the University of Memphis. Before receiving his doctorate degree, he was an undergraduate from Mississippi State University.

Before becoming EC's President, Dr. Sutphin was the Dean of Instruction and the Dean of Students. He sets a great example for students, which is, "Working hard pays off." When asked about his biggest responsibility at EC, he said, "Funding and acquiring the adequate resources so that students would be able to have a college education."

While Dr. Sutphin is not at school, he likes to spend time with his family, travel and read. He and his wife, Peggy, have two sons, Brent and Brad. The way he describes himself out of school is, "laid back and relaxed."

Dr. Sutphin is an ordinary, yet extraordinary man. Dr. Sutphin might be a busy man while being president of the College, but he will always be found at a pep rally or school activity. He should be considered one of EC's top cheerleaders. Dr. Sutphin's advice to students is, "Do what you enjoy. Enjoy what you do."

~Rachel Ramirez

To help make the best decisions for East Central, Dr. Phil A. Sutphin discusses College plans with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia.

Participating in the second Annual 5K Race at Homecoming, Dr. Phil A. Sutphin strolls in for his big finish.

During Homecoming, Dr. Phil A. Sutphin watches on as the Warriors take the field.

Administrative Council

The stage crew at East Central Community College is the Administrative Council. No institution of higher learning can attain prolonged success without a dedicated team of administrative personnel to ensure that prosperity. The same can be said at ECCC. The administrative council consists of the president, vice presidents, other administrators and division chairs. These officials pass judgment upon everything from curriculum to campus events and organizations. Members of the administrative council facilitate the smooth execution of the systems involved in EC's educational program. Needless to say, these officials perform a tough and often thankless service for each and every person involved in East Central Community College.

~ Candie Willis

Above: Mickey Vance poses for a photo during the annual Warrior Club Banquet. Top right:. Ronnie Westbrook and Bubby Johnston enjoy the pre-game tailgating festivities before the football game on Sept. 11. Bottom left: Gene Davis talks with Joey Kenna, a Workforce Development crew member, about his recovery during a reception held in honor of the workforce development crew members who were involved in a near-fatal automobile accident in August. Bottom right: Joe Killens and Bubby Johnston dressed as the Grim Reaper and the Beauty Pageant Queen, respectively, share a laugh prior to Haunted House of Hoops.

Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
Vice President
for Instruction

Mickey Vance
Vice President for
Business Operations

Joe Killens
Vice President for
Student Services

Bubby Johnston
Vice President for
Public Information

David Case
Director for Technology
Management

Gene Davis
Dean of Adult and
Continuing Education

Wayne Eason
Dean of Career-
Technical Instruction

Chris Harris
Director of Personnel
Services,
Athletics Director

Stacey Hollingsworth
Executive Director
for Foundation &
Alumni Relations

Dr. Chris Jenkins
Dean of Distance
Learning Education

Donna Luke
Director of
Admissions, Records
& Research

Betsy Mann
Dean of Health Care
Education

Maudean Sanders
Dean of Institutional
Effectiveness

Roger Whitlock
Dean of Workforce
Development Center

Stacey Hollingsworth and her son Charley partake in the fun during the Warrior Club's tailgating event held prior to a Warrior football game. Far left: Chris Harris has a little fun on campus waving his peace signs. Left: Roger Whitlock in true character has fun dancing with the skeleton for a good laugh.

The Faculty

When putting on an award-winning production, there are many factors involved in its success which range from the stagehands, actors and directors. While such a feat is truly a team effort, one would acknowledge the tremendous work put forth by those behind the scenes who keep the production moving forward. At EC, the faculty and staff are those diligent workers who are not always seen, but their presence is undeniable.

Working day in and day out, the faculty and staff take on the leading roles of the directors who advise students in the daily activities of college life. Dedicated and driven, instructors work tirelessly to ensure the lessons they teach are pertinent to the intellectual advancement of the student and can be applied to life situations. They work hard to make sure each student has the knowledge to succeed in his or her future.

Often working outside the camera's limelight like stagehands, East Central's librarians, accountants, maintenance staff and cafeteria workers spend their days making life on campus run smoothly. Were it not for their hard work and compassion, even the smallest campus functions would not be accomplished. They are the individuals who are responsible for making sure that no stone goes unturned when developing methods which keep improving the College experience.

Together, the stagehands and directors work closely with the actors to put on a successful show. Teamwork is their key, and East Central possesses that critical element. Staff members often go beyond the call of duty to ultimately become mentors to the student body. They carry out the roles of their titles, but are also regarded as life long friends with whom students form bonds. Without the hard work of these crucial individuals, EC would not be the leading institution it has been blessed to become.

~Shaun Cooper

Michael Alexander
Academic Counselor

Michael Avalon
Asst. Baseball Coach

Jim Blackburn
Electronic Tech.

Vicki Blaylock
Music/Choral Director

Len Bobo
Music

Tanya Boler
English

Mary Boulton
Learning Skills Coordinator

Maurice Bowie
Men's Basketball Coach

Debbie Boyd
English

Regena Boykin
Asst. Dir. for Tech Management

Wanda Brackeen
Cosmetology

Chris Brady
Art

Brenda Carson
Financial Aid Director

Tom Carson
Band/Collegians Director

Brenda Cheatham
Secretary for Student Services

Steve Cheatham
Head Football Coach

James Clark
Electronic Tech.

Peggy Clayton
Chemistry

Kelly Cluff
Computer Network/Tech.

Theresa Cole
Healthcare Asst.

Dr. Phillip Crenshaw
Social Sciences

Patti Davis
Biology

Stella Dickerson
Computer Tech.

Ann Durham
English

Chafony Evans
ADN-CC

Romonica Evans
Tech-Prep Coor. /Recruiter

Christy Ferguson
Business Tech

Sue Ford
Mathematics

Pam Fowler
English

Susan Fox Smith
Humanities

Kathy George
Early Childhood Ed.

Carole Germany
Admin. Asst. to the President

Conrad Germany
Collision Repair Tech.

Cornelius Gilleylen
Asst. Basketball Coach

Norman Gillis
Accountant II

Samantha Gray
Secretary to the Dean of Distance Learning

Brent Gregory
WIA Coordinator

Ruth Gregory
Business Tech.

Danny Gressett
Machine Shop Tech.

Lanette Hanna
Counselor

Kim Hardy
Biology

Scott Hill
Softball Coach

What I wish someone had told me...

Advice from faculty and staff to East Central's students.

Kate Keenan-Covich, Speech Instructor-"College is more about persistence and responsibility than about how smart you are."

Gennie Phillips-Odom, Publications Coordinator-"Always treat others the way you would like to be treated because you never know when your paths might cross again."

Joe Johnson, Biology Instructor-"Don't be afraid or shy about asking for advice when you don't know the answer to something. This applies, not only to school, but to every life situation. There are a lot of people out there with a lot of knowledge who want to help you. Make as many friends as you can every day and try to help them too."

Kristy Savell, RN Instructor-"Always treat others as you would want to be treated; you may one day be the patient."

David Case, Director of Technology Management-"Never try to repair a circuit board while wearing socks on shag carpet."

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC President-"Life your life like you would fill a jar. Put the big stones in first, then fill in the next largest things and finish with the sand."

Neal Holliman
Baseball Coach

Judy Hurtt
Business Tech.

Kyle James
Workforce Dev. IT Specialist

Brenda K. Johnson
Asst. Dorm Sup. /Gospel Choir Dir.

Brenda Johnson
Computer Tech.

Joe Johnson
Biology

Gerald Jordan
Welding

Kate Keenan-Covich
Speech

Teri Killens
Admin. Asst. to V.P. of Instruction

Sharon Lejeune
Biology

Fredrick Lyons
Carpentry & Asst. Football Coach

Rhonda May
Childcare

Polly Mayes
Drafting and Design Tech.

Ora Mae McAdory
Dorm Supervisor

Marc McCool
Social Sciences

Linda McKee
Career-Tech Secretary

Maxine McKee
Sociology

Scott McLemore
Automotive Tech.

Maria McLeod
Asst. to the V.P. of Public Info.

Lisa McMillin
Computer Science

Vikki McNair
Mathematics

Gloria McRae
Mathematics

William Miles
Physics

James Miller
Asst. Football Coach

Derek Pace
Asst. Dir. for Tech Management

Gennie Phillips-Odom
Publications Coordinator

Marcie Pinson
Sec. to the V.P. for Student Services

Melanie Pinter
Practical Nursing

R.T. Purvis
Info. Tech. Technical Specialist

Haywood Reeves
Mathematics

Thornese Ridley-Brooks
Sec. to the Dean of Adult & Continuing Ed.

Deborah Rigdon
Business Office Clerk

Gloria Rigdon
School Nurse

Karen Robertson
Sec. to the V.P. of Public Information

Kevin Ryals
Speech

Kathy Sanders
Faculty Secretary

Christy Savell
ADN

Carol Shackelford
English

Curt Skipper
Biology

Hilda Slaughter
Business Office Clerk

Bill Smith
Women's Basketball Coach

Emilie Smith
Workforce Dev. Center Sec.

Lynne Smith
English

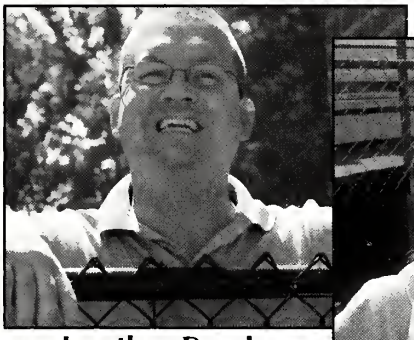
Katie Sparkman
Coor. of Learning Skills & Testing Center

Shelia Stamper
Business Office Clerk

Mildred Stephens
Business Office Clerk

Bonnie Sullivan
Dorm Supervisor

Vivian Taylor
Library Secretary



Jonathan Peeples

Susan Fox-Smith and Kate Keenan-Covich

Maria McLeod, Vicki Blaylock and Natalie Emmons

Linda McKee, Kristie Pilgrim and LeAnn Shirley

Virgie Thames
Small Bus. Dev. Center Secretary

Denita Thomas
Nursing

Kenneth Thompson
Mathematics/Soccer Coach

Laura Thorne
Accountant

Vickie Thorne
ADN Skills Lab Coordinator

Jeannie Vance
Faculty Secretary

Ronald Westbrook
Small Bus. Dev. Center Director

Lucretia Williams
Personal Dev. Specialist

Gail Wood
Asst. Librarian

Lucille Wood
Social Science/Physical Ed.

Mary Ann Wright
Early Childhood Ed.

Sylvia Wright
Mathematics

The Freshmen

In today's society, college has become the norm and each year a new wave of high-school graduates enters the college scene. Free from a world of strict rules, standardized tests, mandated dress codes and cafeteria food, graduates eagerly open a new script in their lives. The excitement is undeniable as each student realizes their newfound freedom to make the decisions that ultimately have lasting impacts on their lives. In Decatur, students make the pilgrimage from vast backgrounds and locations to test the limits of their new freedom at East Central Community College.

During orientations, freshmen become acquainted with the crew that makes East Central a solid choice for a new beginning. First, sophomores assist the new students by pointing them in the right direction as they frantically search for the office of their adviser. Next, hardworking instructors warmly greet them as they prepare their schedules for the upcoming semester. Lastly, once their schedules are in place, freshman get the opportunity to meet East Central's helpful staff as they tie up loose ends in the financial aid office and collect their books.

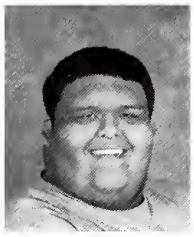
This is only the beginning of an exciting year for freshman because they soon come to realize that East Central is not only a place of hard work, but high-energy fun! The thrilling events of Welcome Back Week all the way to Spring Spree keep freshmen's busy academic schedules balanced with mind-relaxing activities. In addition to campus wide events, popular hang out spots like the grill and the student lounge aid freshman in becoming comfortable in their new surroundings at East Central and in forming close groups of friends.

As the curtain draws to a close, freshmen realize that the hard part is over - they have become a part of the East Central family. Each May, freshmen attend the last encore for the outgoing sophomores to see them off to their future careers, but as in any good story line they cannot help but remind themselves that they are now one step closer to taking full stage.

~Shaun Cooper

Chardonna Adams

Laura Alexander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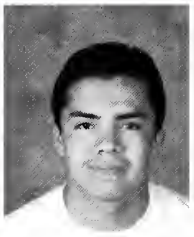
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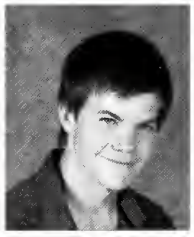
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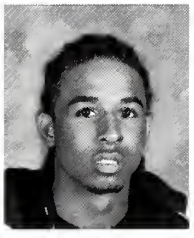
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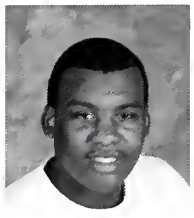
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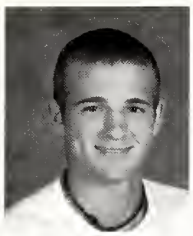

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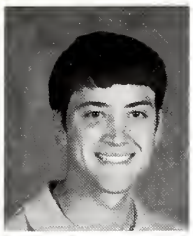

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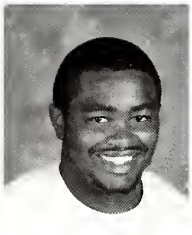

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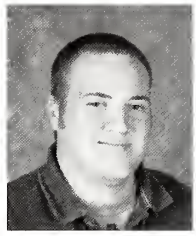

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Lacy Clay

Anteigra Coleman

Demetria Coleman

Cody Cotten

Brandi Covington

Brandon Cox

Leslie Crawford

Let's Eat

Where Do EC Students Go When Hunger Strikes?

Grill		31%	18 of 57
Cafeteria		21%	12 of 57
Other		47%	27 of 57

Sierra Farlow

Carmen Hardy & Lane Fulton

D.J. Howell

Erica Ervin

What I Learned in My First Year at College...

Brittany Snow: "I learned to get to the cafeteria ten munutes early on fried chicken Thursday!"

Anna Powell: "I learned that security guards don't appreciate it when students go through the sprkinklers on the front lawn by the business office at midnight... :)"

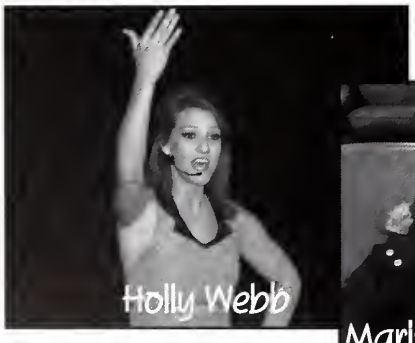
Lee Hunt: " I have learned how to manage my time."

Reaghan Mayes: " EC has taught me responsibility and how to do things for myself."

Leslie Crawford: "I have realized that I'm not in high school anymore and it is your own choice to get up and go to class."

Kadie Hailey: "Being at EC has shown me that a community college is better because you know everyone and the classes are not as overwhelming as a university's would be."

J.D. McNeil: "EC tought me how to have fun, but to also be serious."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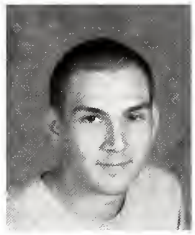
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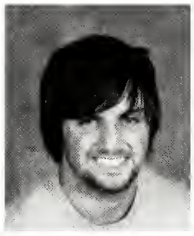
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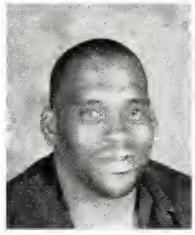
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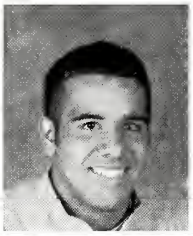
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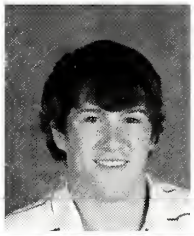
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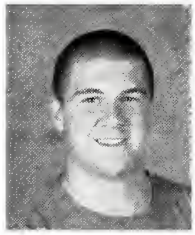
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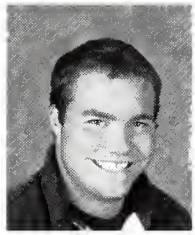
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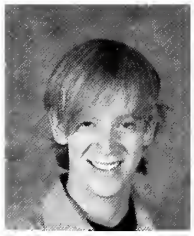
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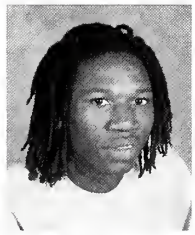
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Leslie Graham

Dewonna Grayson

Say My Name, Say My Name
Freshmen's Funny Nicknames

Jerica Griffin

Mike Griffin

Jeremy "Jer-Bear" Bright

Ricky "Pickles" Rickles

Mavcia Guerreiro

Jordan Gunn

Joseph "Joedingo" Sanders

Nigel "Big Show" Allen

Jacob "Big Fella" Jordan

Charles "Tiger" Johnson

Kadie Hailey

Jennifer Hall

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Jordan "Smif" Smith

Canvies "Cap" Triplett

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Amanda Hampton

Markeshia "Shakey" Henderson

Sierra "Sisi" Farlow

Bill "Dolla Bill" Flowers

Kayla Hampton

Brandon Hannah

Demetina "Nooney" Coleman

Joshua "Postman" Hawthorne

Bridget "Bird" Burkes

Edgar "Eggo" Alvarez

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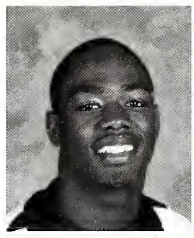
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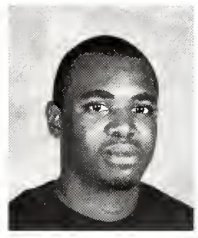
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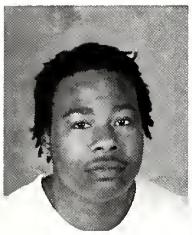
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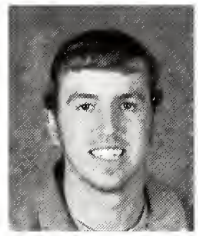
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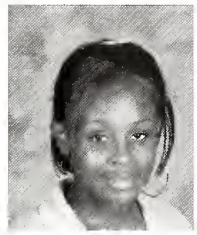
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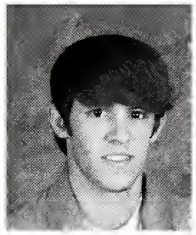
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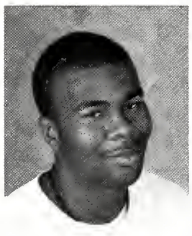
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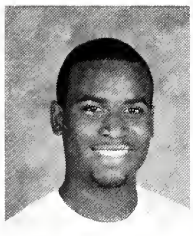
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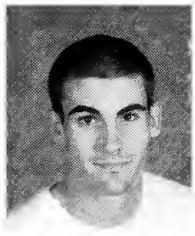
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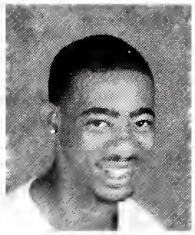
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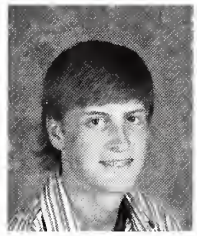
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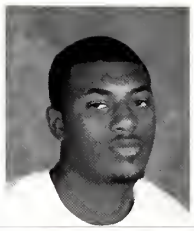
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Reaghan Mayes

Will McBeth

Adrienne McDill

Lavell McDonald

Adam McLemore

Jordan McMichael

Abby McMillan

Sacajawea McMillan

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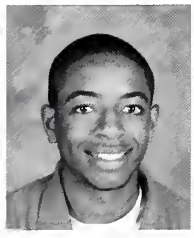
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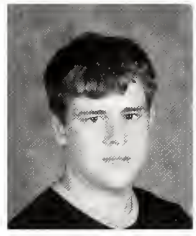
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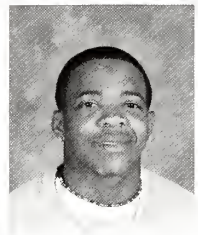
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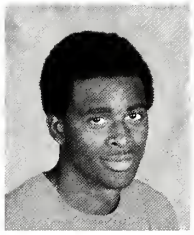
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Fear Factor
Freshmen's Biggest Fears

Clowns		7%	3 of 40
Public Speaking		25%	10 of 40
Cellophane		3%	1 of 40
Small Spaces		12%	5 of 40
Death		5%	2 of 40
Failure		18%	7 of 40
Spiders		15%	6 of 40
Heights		15%	6 of 40

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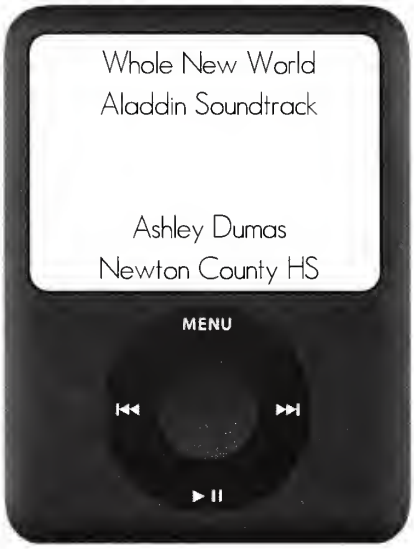
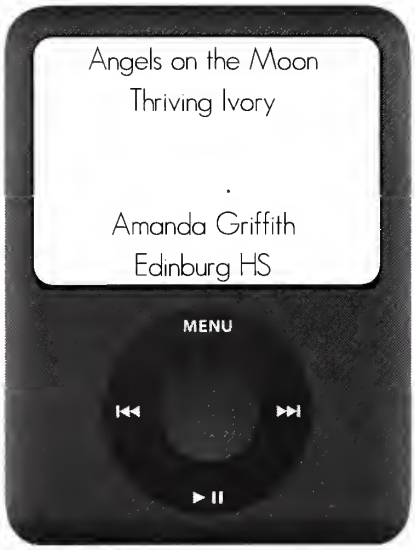
What Songs are on the i-Pods of East Central Freshmen?





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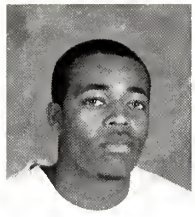
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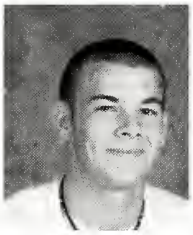
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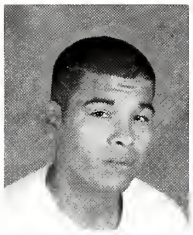
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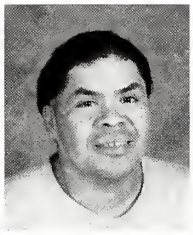
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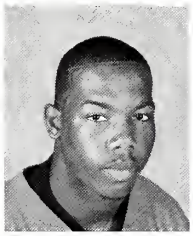
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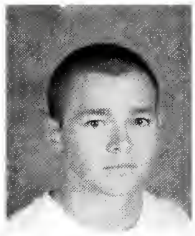
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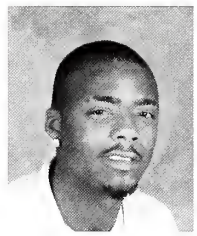
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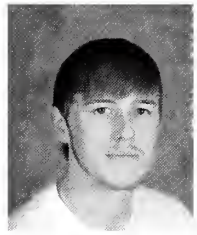
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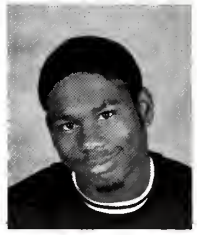

Coderrah Washington

Emily Watford

What's the Hottest Fashion Trends of 2008-09?

Freshman Holly Webb, an art design major of Forest, is sporting a black trench coat with her look. A trench coat makes any outfit a little more dressy. They can come in many different colors which can be purchased at most any department stores.

Here, Holly Webb is wearing a light gray vest, very in style this year. You can dress the vest up or down to fit your style. To complete her outfit, Webb is wearing some black flats to top off her outfit.

These two styles have been very popular this year. Both of these outfits can be worn just about anywhere and fit the occasion.

Ciera Hines, a freshmen nursing major of Morton, is wearing a tight fit gray turtle neck and a very in style scarf to accessorize. Scarves are very popular this year. Hines also has on skinny jeans that can make your outfit a little more dressy for any occasion. Her gray boots help to accentuate her outfit for cold winter weather.

~ Morgan Wells

What's Your Favorite Genre of Movie?

Action	9%	2 of 22
Romance	18%	4 of 22
Comedy	50%	11 of 22
Horror	9%	2 of 22
Drama	9%	2 of 22
True Stories	4.5%	1 of 22

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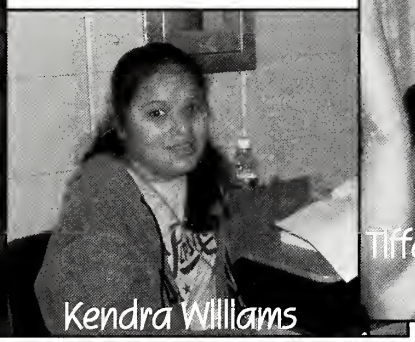
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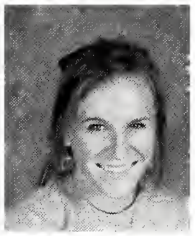
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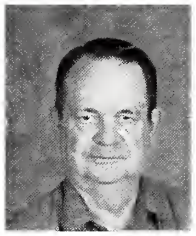
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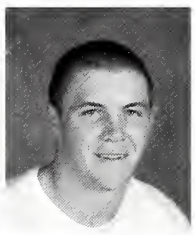
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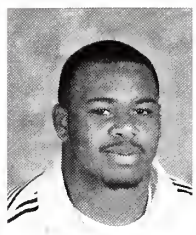
Damion Young

The Graduate

The first thought of each sophomore is usually along the same lines: "Just a little bit longer before I make my exit!" That mindset proves to be the fuel behind the driving force that is East Central's sophomore class of 2009. After surviving a year of tough classes, midterms, finals and figuring out the proper balance between fun and work, sophomores are determined to make the most out of their last year. They realize now that they are the stars of their own show and the entire year constitutes as their stage.

The main goal of a sophomore is to experience everything that East Central has to offer. You can often find them working hard at a project in the library, grabbing something to eat with friends at the grill or participating in one of the many clubs and organizations that East Central has to offer. They are the first to rock out at the Collegians concerts and the last to leave after the football games. Sophomores have come to realize that aside from the hard work they put into their studies sometimes the best thing to do is to just live in the excitement of friends and fun!

Once the dust has settled from an invigorating night with friends, sophomores turn their sights to the future. Realizing that there is more to come in life, they prepare themselves mentally to accomplish their hopes and dreams for the future. Whether that dream is to enter the workforce after graduation or to continue their education at a university, one thing is certain - sophomores are driven to succeed!

When graduation approaches in the spring, many have already planned for lives outside of East Central and are anxious for the chance to proclaim themselves to the world. The walk across the stage to receive diplomas is a proud one, and each student takes the time to momentarily revel in their accomplishment. They have made it and will never forget the skills, friends and lessons learned at East Central Community College.

~Shaun Cooper

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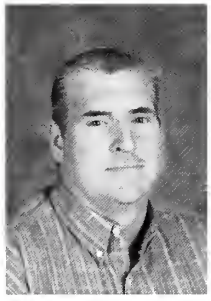

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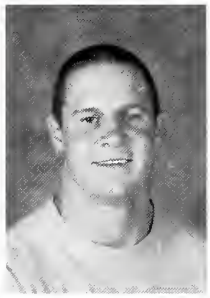

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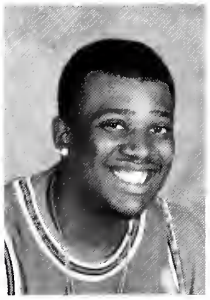

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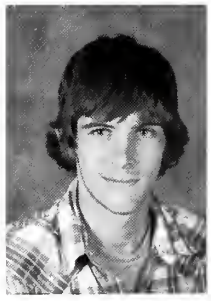

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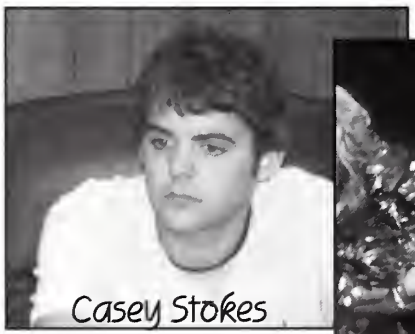

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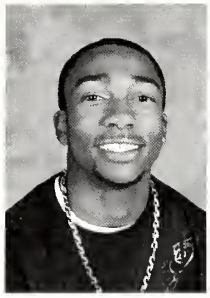

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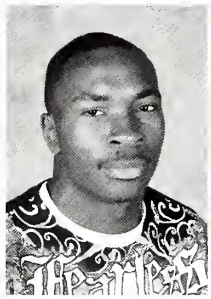

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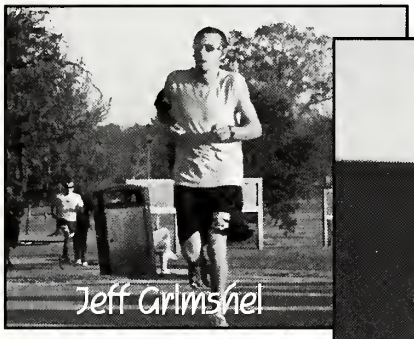

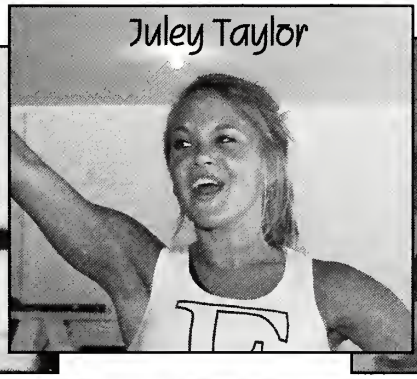

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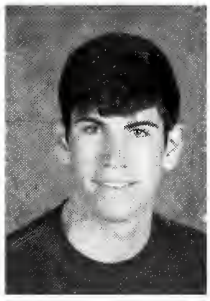

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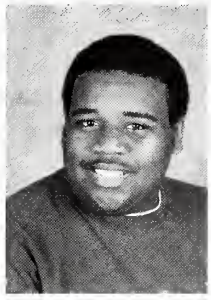

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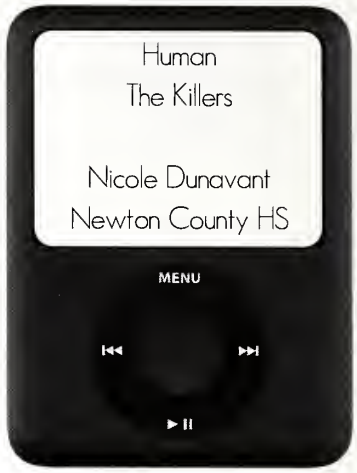

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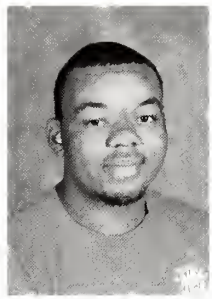

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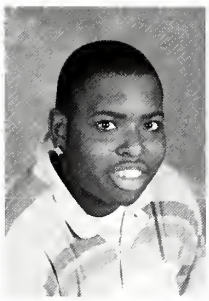

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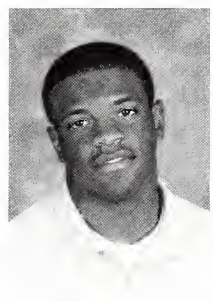

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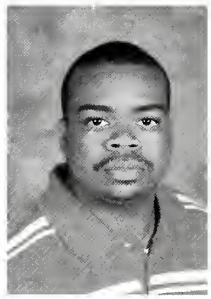

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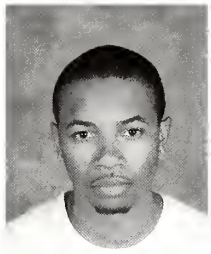

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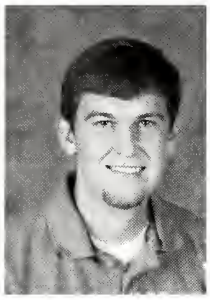

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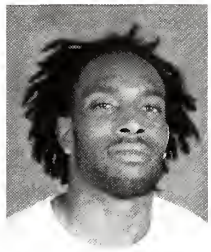

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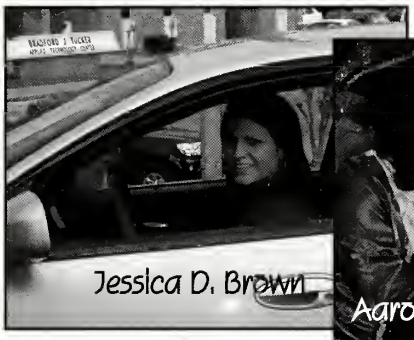

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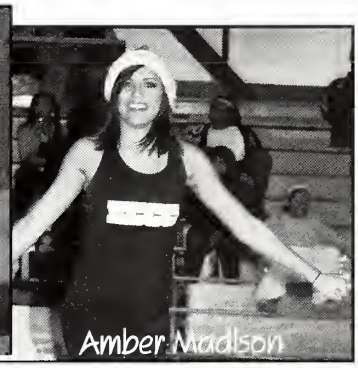

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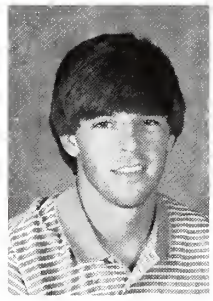

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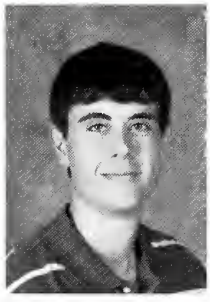

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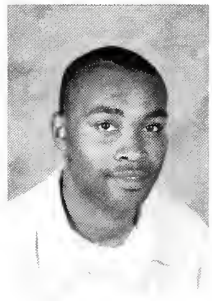

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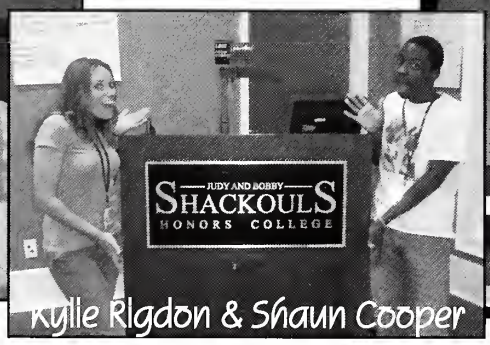
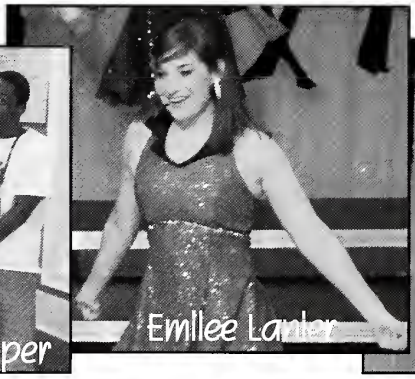


Kylie Rigdon & Shaun Cooper



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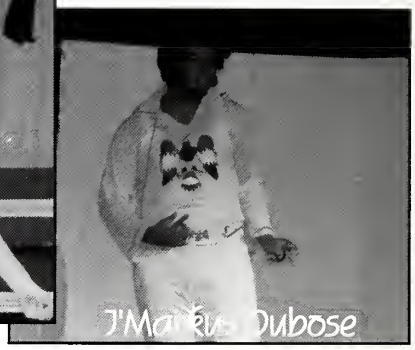

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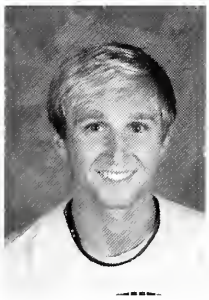

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Anna Munn

Megan Munn

Whitney Nance

Jonathan Nelson

Kayla Nixon

Kelli Nixon

Jacqueline Pace

Say My Name, Say My Name

Sophomore's Funny Nicknames

Drew "Hollywood" Harrison

Jeff "Bones" Grimshel

Kylle "Boo" Rigdon

McClain "Mc" Mullins

Kolby "Coldplay" Sisson

Emily "ET" Thrash

David "Spook" Bender

Andrew "Big Slu" Haynes

Jasmine "Tootie" Earby

Dyron "Spectac" Haynes

Quadarious "Manooky" Wallace

Kamisha Partick

Courtney Patrick

Laura Pearson

Caitlin Puckett

Cherry Quince

Heather Ray

Dusty Reed

Marsha Reed

Brad Reynolds

Courtney Richardson

Kylie Rigdon

Cierra Robinson

Lakeisha Robinson

Tanika Robinson

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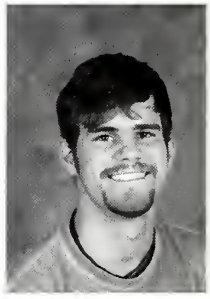
Shelby Shelley

Kolby Sisson

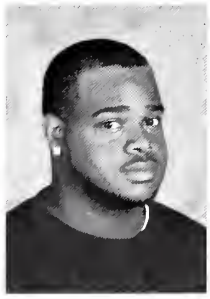
Caiti Slay



Clint Sloan

Mallory Sloan

Jessica Smith



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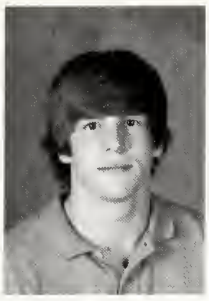
Josh Steele



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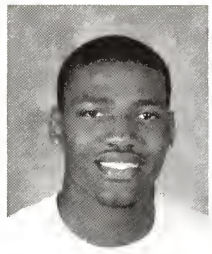
Evan Summers-Jones

Catalina Tarazona



Donovan Tate

Bethaney Taylor

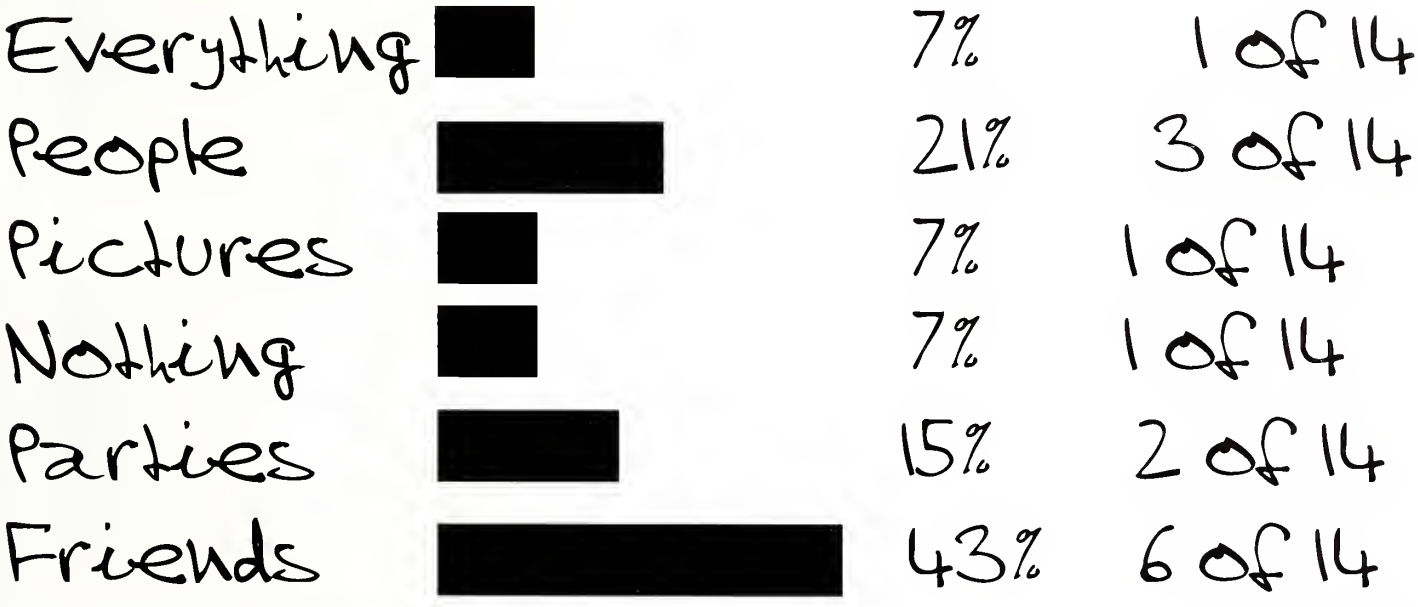
Katherine Taylor

Madoline Taylor

Sabrina Terrell

Bye Bye Birdie

What will you miss most when you leave EC?



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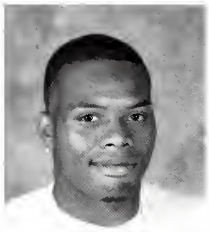

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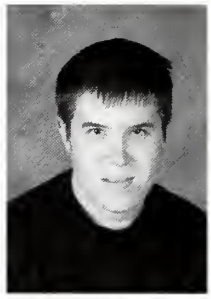

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Marcus Warnsley

Cassandra Wash

Rebecca Watkins

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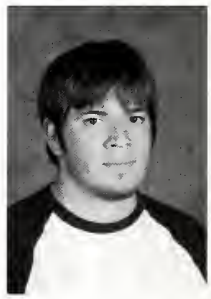


Anthony Williams

Joshua Williams

Van Williams

Amanda Williamson

Lacey Wilson

Lannis Windham

Advice from a Caterpillar

Advice to Underclassmen

Emilee Lanier: "Life's too short to sit around and wait for things to happen for you. Get out, live a little, and make things happen for yourself. And, its OK to skip class occasionally because everybody needs a mental health day."

Kylie Rigdon: "Don't be afraid to get to know people. The people you will keep the most contact with are the people you meet in college. They will be here to get you through the tough times, the good times, and the memorable times. And your instructors are wonderful people, take time to get to know them too. They can be your best friends too."

Michael Sanford: "Don't mess around. Get stuff done. It's easy to let stuff get away from you and end up losing more in college credits than gaining. Also, EC is a great place to start because it really allows one on one time with teachers. You get to know people a lot easier in such a small area, too!"

Aaron Morrison: "Pay attention to what your teachers are saying, they will teach you not only what is in the books but also morals and values that will make you a better person.

Josh Dickerson: "GET INVOLVED! The more you do, the more friends you can make, and you will enjoy college more. Then again, don't try to be involved in too many activities for it will come back to bite you."

Amber Madison: "Live, Laugh, Love."

J'Markus Dubose: "Seize the day and live for it, not for tomorrow."

Shaun Cooper: "Remember to take every experience and treasure it dearly. Make the choice to smile each and everyday because there is always something to smile about."

Becky Culpepper: "Enjoy your time here while you can. After EC, time will fly by and your relationships with your closest friends will be different. So laugh as often as you can because the happy times are what you want to remember."

India Dickerson: "Don't let all the personal stuff decide when its best to do a paper. Just stop and say it has to be done and do it!"

Nathan Spears: "Don't be lazy."

Drew Harrison: "Be involved. Its a great way to meet awesome people and get yourself a nickname like 'Hollywood'."

Aaron Mann: "Yeah, its in the middle of no where, but you can still have fun. Just get creative."

Documentaries

Programs

Remember in kindergarten when we would proudly proclaim our desires to become teachers, firefighters, or even the President of the United States just because we thought they were cool? Through elementary and middle school, we may lose sight of those original goals as our interests, talents and experiences better shape our personality and we grow into our own characters. As we enter high school, many of us have narrowed down our possible careers, but we still have no definite plan. Truth is, since those first years in kindergarten to the senior year in high school, many of us switch back and forth between possible career paths, but, at one point or another, we must all decide what we want do with our lives and East Central is here to help.

Each year, many students come to East Central with no idea as to what they want to do with their lives or the roles they want to play. For those students, East Central provides an amazing Liberal Arts program that enriches the student's mind with classes ranging from your typical Algebra to studies of the Old Testament. The Liberal Arts program is designed to give students a taste of possible career routes, while preparing them with the basic classes need to excel at any main stage university. For the student on the go, East Central offers a wide variety of online classes using the Blackboard system. Work is done at the student's pace, so that they can function in their busy lives and still get a superior education.

On the other hand, many students have their educational plans already mapped out in detail. For these students, East Central offers a wide range of specialized degrees that can be as abstract as Art or as precise as English. With a specialized degree, a student receives education in courses designed to enhance their knowledge about that particular field. For those who prefer to get hands on experience, East Central provides Career and Technical courses that instill the necessary skills needed to exceed it in the working world. No matter what a student's plans are in life, East Central is here to help by drafting schedules that fit the needs of any person!

~Shaun Cooper

Ten People who...Work Hard

Erin Tramill

Zachary Eaves

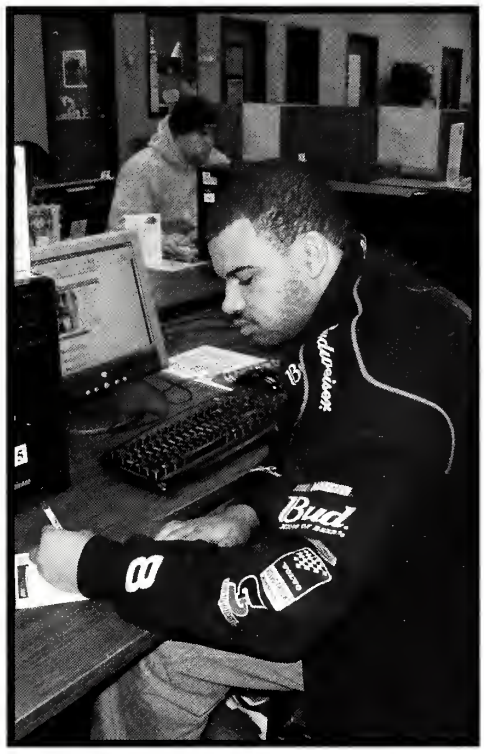
Jasell Contreras

Teddy Bloodsaw

Melro Boyd

Practicing on a manikin's hair, cosmetology student Cherry Quince of Decatur tones her skills before creating works of art on real people's hair.

Hard at work, art students Holly Webb, Josh Underwood and Cody Walters work diligently in their Drawing I class.



In drafting and design classes, computers have taken over most handwork as student Josh Dickerson is discovering.

DeShawn Harris of Lisman, Ala. does research in Burton Library for his class assignments.

Randall Hudson

Courtney Hudson

Jake Shones

Jeremy Cole

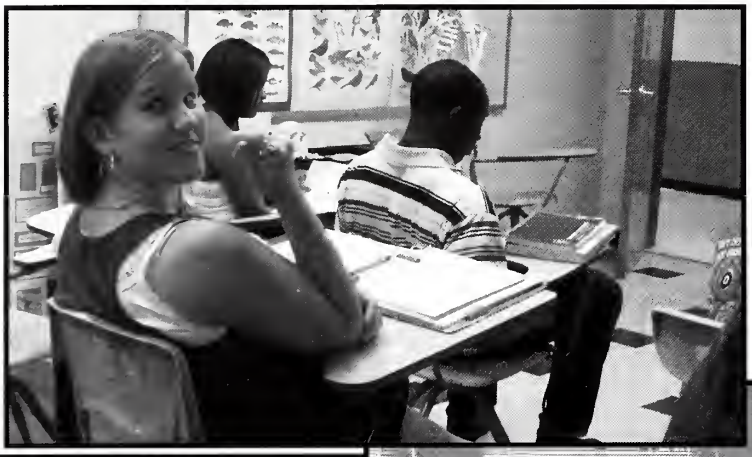
Sonya Nunn

Making the Grade

Last fall, many new students chose to attend East Central Community College. When questioned about why they chose to further their education, many reasons were given. However, the most common motivator was a desire to further their educations so they would receive a higher-paying job. What they did not expect was that East Central has given them something so much more - options. During the years, East Central has embraced the power of choice and has grown to offer a wide range of majors that cover everything from the prestigious field of education to the science program. For students that are not sure of what they want to do just yet, East Central offers a liberal arts major sure enough to tweak the interests of any person.

At East Central, faculty and staff have dedicated themselves to preparing students for the next step in life's journey, whether it is continuing their education at a university or diving straight into a career upon graduation. Here at Decatur University, anyone has the opportunity to gain a first-class education in order to improve his or her life and the lives of others with the knowledge and skills they learn daily. For these reasons, EC has become a top academically recognized community college in Mississippi.

-Caiti Slay



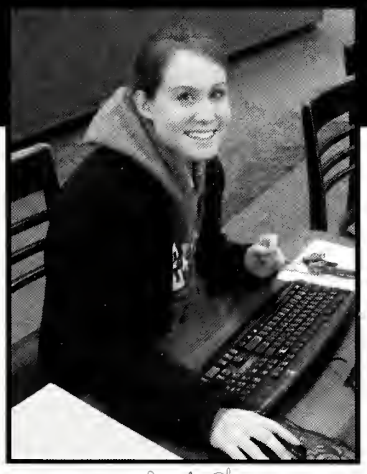
Three students, Candace Long, Courtney James, and Clint Colemon patiently await another exciting lecture in Curt Skipper's Biology class.

With textbooks open Deandre Graham, Tyler Pierce, Wade Pierce, Nathan Chaney, and April White dive into another day of intellectual enrichment in Wanda Hurley's economics class.

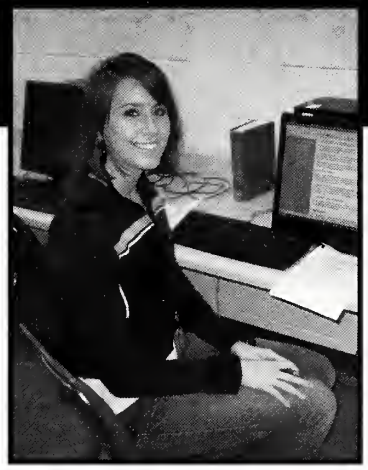
Getting help in an English class is normal for most students, Leanne White is no different as she develops her writing skills with the help of instructor Carol Shackelford.

A typical activity in any science lab, Kadie Hailey and Ike Eichelberger observe the different stages of mitosis under the microscope.

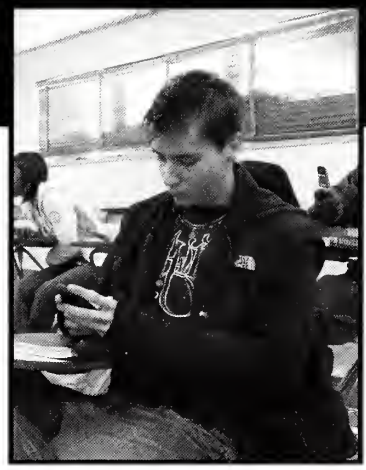
Brittaney Hickman
"Education should be an important value to everyone!"



Jennifer Shannon
"Education is good and everyone needs one to be successful."



Kimberly Blackwell
"Having an education is very important because it is one of the most important factors needed to earn that desired degree."

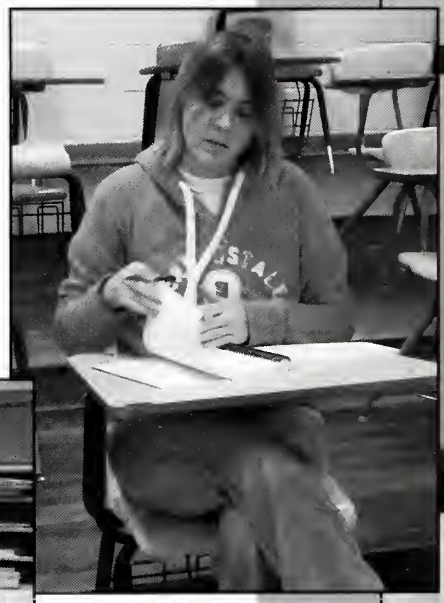


Jared McQuary
"I think education is a great opportunity."

Hard Work

Enjoying her time at EC, Tricia Vasquez enjoys a mid-morning snack in her Newton Hall classroom. .

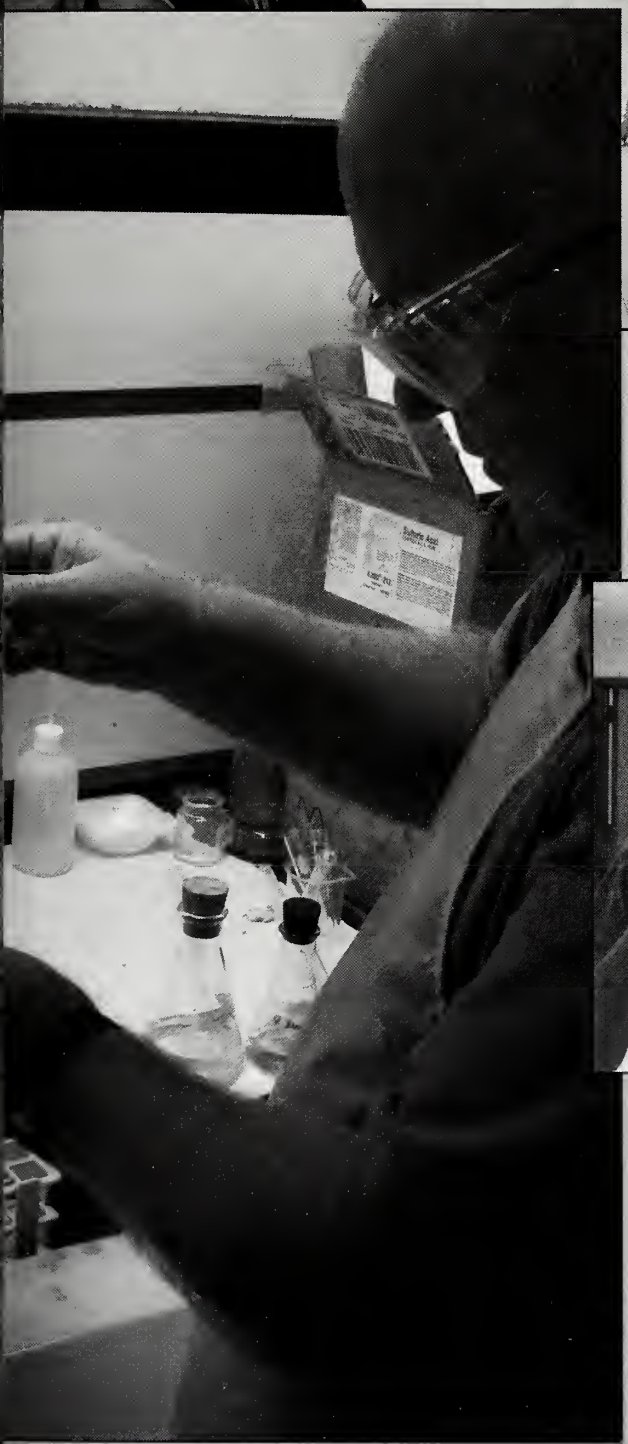
With his opinion ready, Shaun Cooper takes advantage of an opportunity to engage in classroom discussion.



While on break at a night class, Joy Hewitt begins preparing for her next test.

Before the next adventure in the world of academia begins on student, Clint Sloan and his adviser Brent Gregory figure out the classes he will need to take.

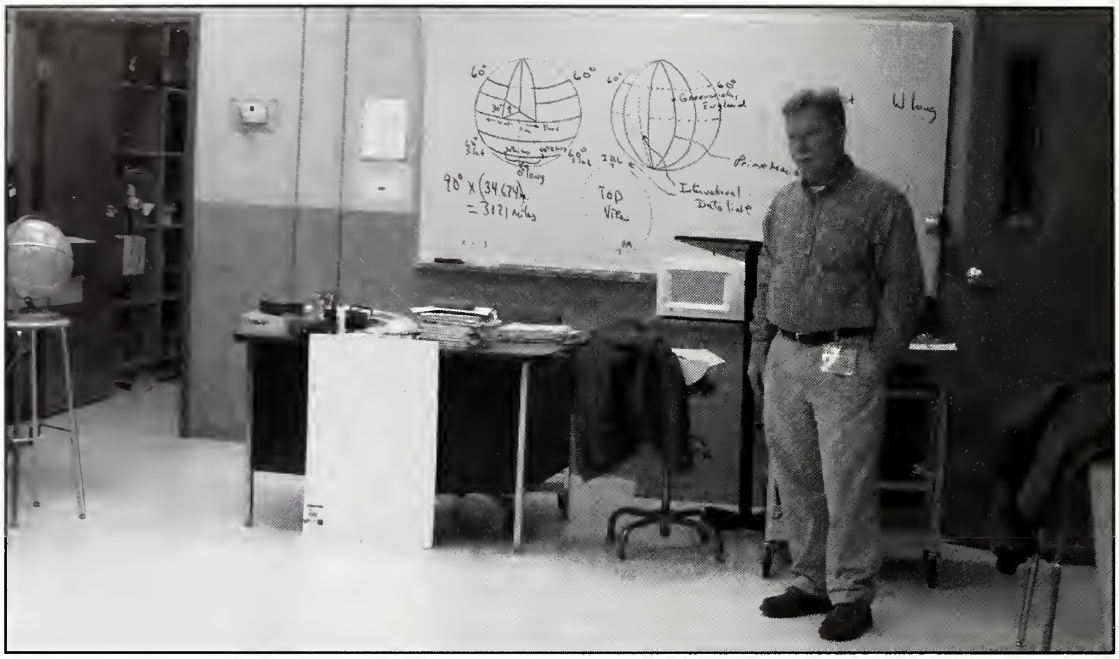
Engaged in conversation, Sarah Moore, Latoshia Moore, and Tara White take time to catch up before their next class.



Scientific research occurs daily in Cross Hall, especially in the chemistry lab. Mike Pierce measures a sample through his pipette.

Building Efforts

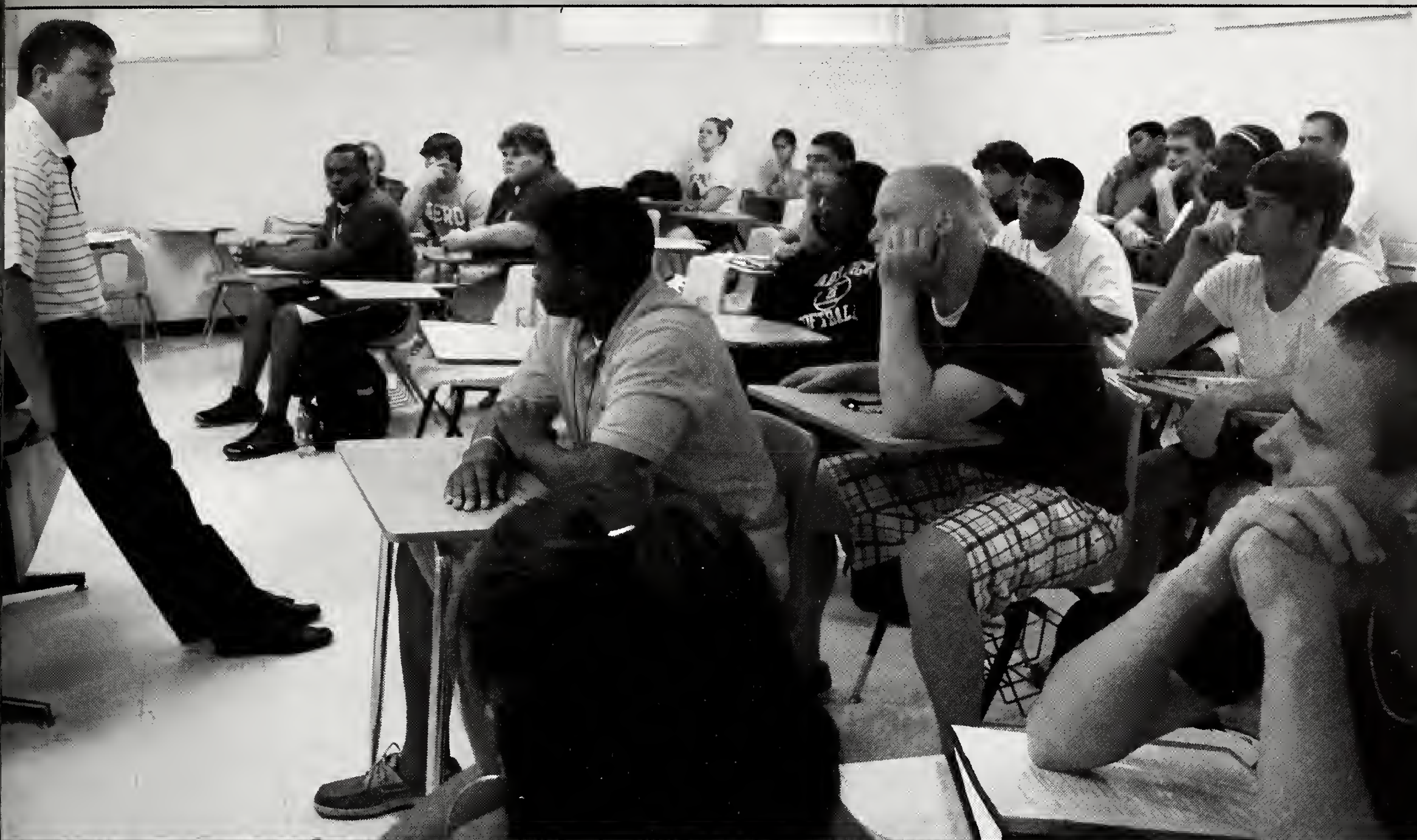
Faculty member William Milles pauses to answer a question from a student in his class.



Early in the lab Monica James along with many other lab observe many fasinating speimens under the microscope.

Always there to lend a helping hand staff member, Marcie Pinson, helps a student find her classes.

Physic's student Micah Stewart demonstrates his knoledge with his minnie catapult.



Students listen intently as the EC Alumnus Bart Gregory [illegible]

Carrying hedge clippers, [illegible] while another students [illegible]

Experimenting with the many laws of Physics, Cynthia Middlebrook went above and beyond everyone's expectations when she built her catapult to [illegible] the distance.

Let's Get Technical

"Let's get Technical," Career and Technical that is. Career and Technical courses are very popular at East Central. With these classes students learn a trade and get a job quickly. The career side educates students in a trade or skill, while the technical side, provides gives hands-on training to the students. These programs help students get involved with life and give students a chance to have successful careers. To enroll into the course one must take an entrance exam in his/her related field, make minimum scores on the ACT or TABE, and for some desired fields have a high school diploma. After all the above requirements have been met, the prospective student must complete an interview process to determine final selections. The career and technical classes consist of Automotive Technology, Business & Office, Carpentry & Cabinetmaking, Collision Repair, Computer Programming, Computer Network Support, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Early Childhood Education, Electrical, Electronics, Heating & Air Conditioning, Hotel and Restaurant Management, Welding and Cutting, and last but not least Machine Shop. These classes give students the chance to have a successful career. The East Central Career and Technical department is highly sought after because it provides students the knowledge he or she needs to succeed in the workforce.

EC stuGert Johanna Johnson is cooking up some tasty treats to eat in the Culinary Class offered by East Central.

Below a group of heating and air conditioning students work together to wire a heating and cooling kit.

udents work in one of many computer labs on campus to complete projects
through the computer technology program.

lding instructor Gerald Jordan teaches student Jarrad Ball a welding
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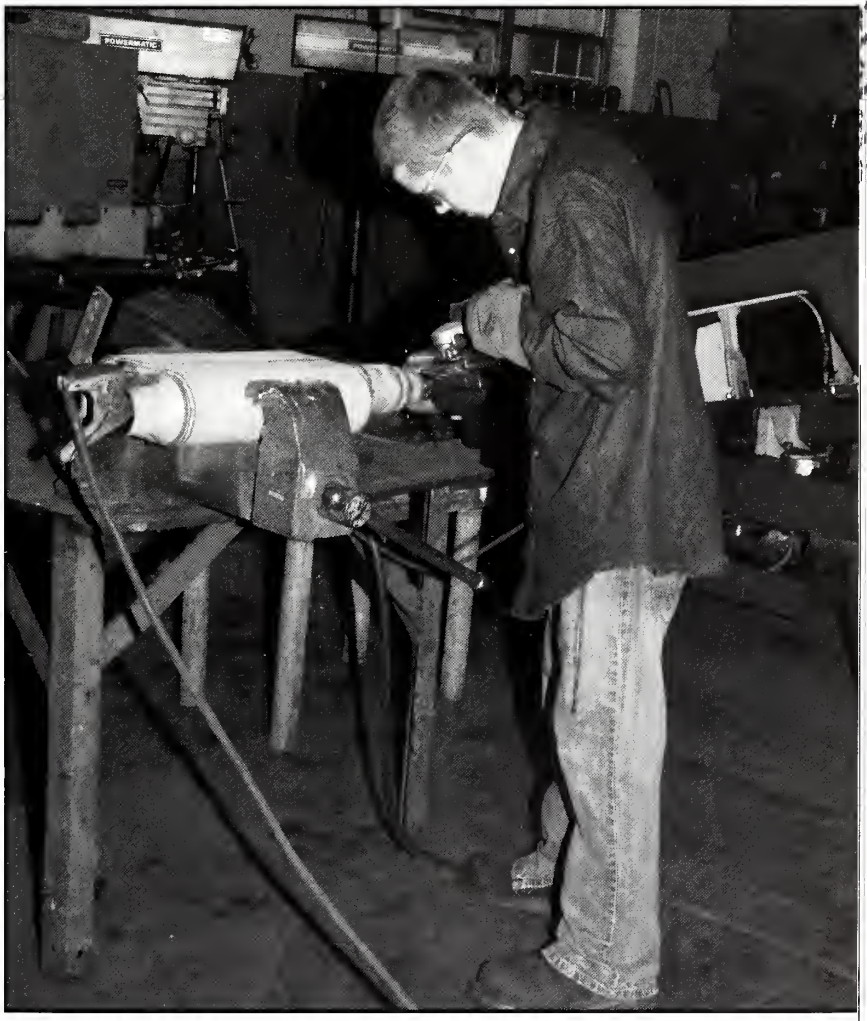

Austin Vernon of Louisville is hard at work in his welding class.

Children at the East Central Child Care Center have fun posing with their student teacher.

At right, cosmetology student, Cheryl Mcelhenney of Decatur, practices her styling technique.

Rushing of Philadephia practices her straighten technique

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Children in EC's Child Care Program stand proud with the a EC student worker, Melanie Johnson.

Jessie Smith of Forest demonstrates the right way to comb and curl hair she learned in the cosmetology program at EC.

Cosmetology student Tensie Spence of Union practices the curling technique on a manikin.

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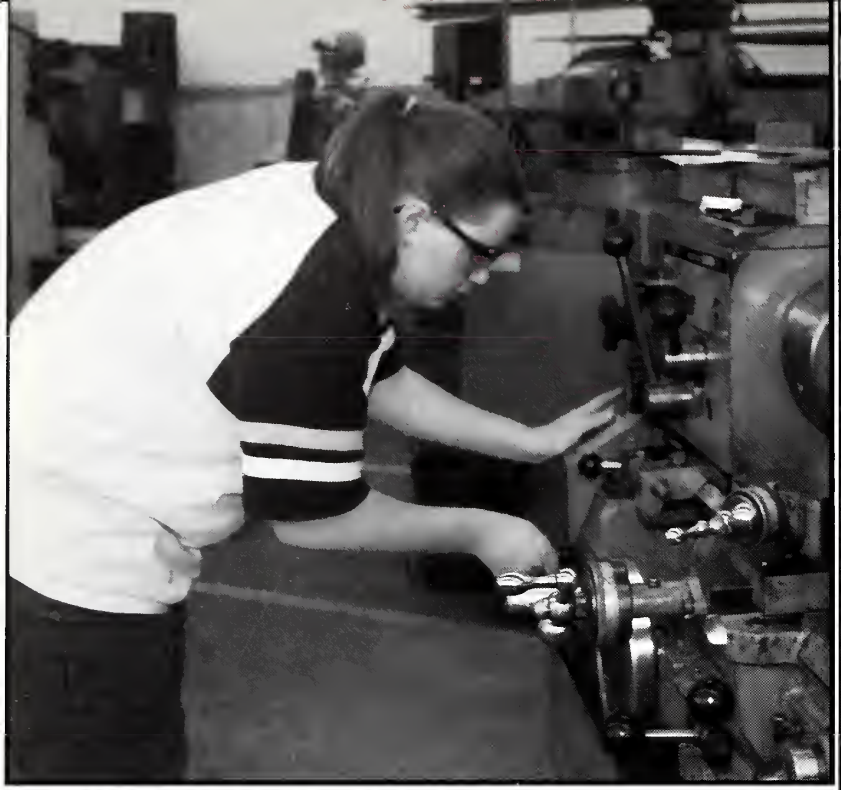


Machine shop student Lindsey Bozeman of Philadelphia demonstrates how to adjust feed rate.

Welding student Richard Mosby of Decatur preps his station before welding.

Protecting his eyes with safety glasses a general electricity student, Rashad Horne of Shabuta, focuses on wiring a light switch.

Below Tim Patterson of Louisville performs the Knurling operation in a Engine Operation he learned in EC's machine shop program.

An electronics student performs necessary checks at his station.

Lachelle Moss and Windie Poston discuss upcoming projects.

Care Bears
Healthcare

Nursing student, Felecia Dorche of Canton, examines Kristi Chitto of Carthage, during a clinical session.

Do you know or have someone in your family who is in need of constant healthcare? In many homes in the US. there are people facing illness seeking immediate healthcare every day. East Central's healthcare education program has provided all the knowledge needed to educate students on the proper way to care for others, which is vital in today's society. The program trains students how to take care of people in need and prepare them for their future healthcare careers. EC's healthcare program has recently adopted the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Practical Nursing Program. The program is a pilot site that gives high school students a head start on their medical training and allows high school seniors the opportunity to receive first-rate experience and preparation, which will equip them for the real world. "I am very excited about this program. It is an opportunity for students to begin an early career in the healthcare arena," said Dean of Healthcare Education Betsy Mann.

This program is only one chip-off-the-block of the other healthcare programs offered at EC. Programs available include Associate Degree Nursing, EMT/Paramedic Technology, Surgical Technology, Healthcare Assistant and Licensed Practical Nursing. Every student in healthcare education is learning to care for others, which is one of the most important skills a person can learn. They learn not only what is needed to be successful in their career field, but are inspired by compassionate instructors, who have instilled in them the drive to continue to reach their goals.

-Briana Edison

Carrie Alexander of Philadelphia demonstrates aide to h
nursing assistance program classmate, Kimberly Wareing o

student Amanda Warren of Forest checks the blood
s of her fellow classmate, Megan Trammill of Newton
clinical practice.

Practical nursing student Brittany Brown of Decatur checks the vitals of the clinical nursing manikin used to teach students "real-life" techniques for patients.

Brown has hopes of becoming a physician one day. Brown, a senior at Newton County Academy, is getting a head start on her medical training by enrolling in the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Practical Nursing Program being offered at EC. Brown and eight other high school seniors are taking advantage of the new program, which was funded by a grant from the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

Thanks to the grant, the nine students who qualified for the four-semester program can attend classes free of charge while in high school. The only cost for students is transportation to the Decatur campus, where classes are held at the Associate Degree Nursing/Childcare Technology Building. Melanie Pinter of Philadelphia serves as class instructor.

Brown said she was "really excited" when she heard about the special program, and expects no problems juggling her activities as a busy high school senior and a college freshman taking nursing courses.

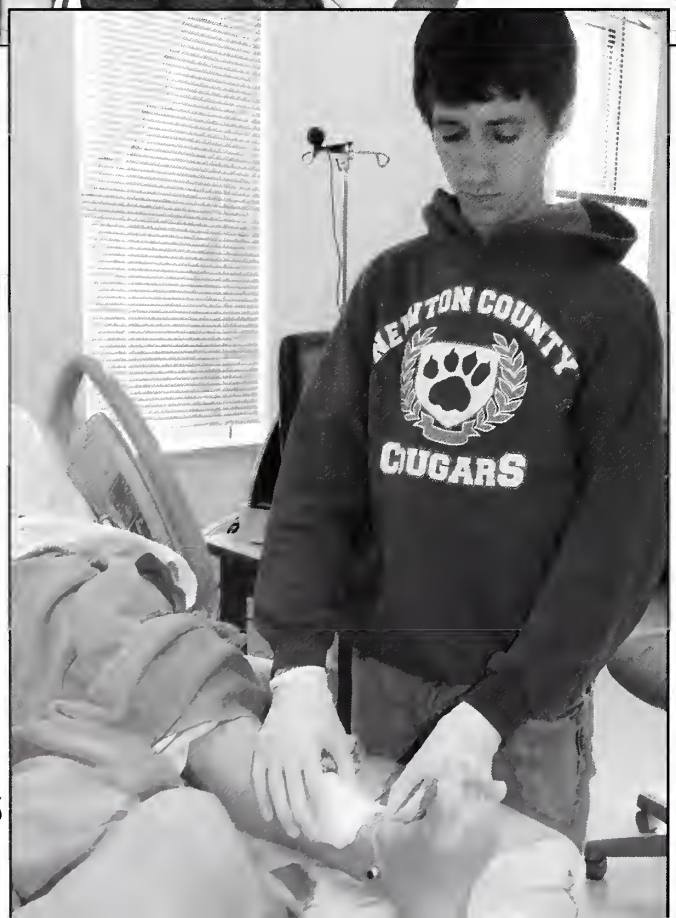
"I think I can work it out...everyone has been real supportive," said the 17-year-old. "I think it's (the program) going to be good. I've always wanted to be a doctor and taking this program is getting me a step ahead of everything else," she stated. "It will make me or break me!"

Brown, the first member of her family to enter the medical field, said being able to take the nursing course free of charge "is a major blessing."

"I feel very blessed to have this opportunity," she stated. "I have faith in the program and in myself to be successful."

Brown is involved in various high school activities. She is a member of the high school basketball team, honor society and various clubs and organizations. She also serves as FBLA State Secretary.

Surgical technical assistant student Deanna Morris of Carthage prepares instruments for surgery during a clinical session.



Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Practical Nursing Program student Stormie Corsaro of Decatur bandages a wound on the manikin used for clinical studies to prepare the students for patient care. Corsaro and eight other high school seniors from ECCC's five-county district are taking advantage of the new program, which was funded by a grant from the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Thanks to the grant, the nine students who qualified for the four-semester program can attend classes free of charge while in high school. The only cost for students is transportation to the Decatur campus, where classes are held at the Associate Degree Nursing/Childcare Technology Building.

Nursing student Brit
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BURTON LIBRARY

Ethan Lewis, a Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Practical Nursing Program student from Newton County Academy, checks blood pressure on a symmetrical arm used to educate the students on real-life practical nursing.

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raining.

ing students, Victoria Hodge of Morton, Jacqueline
st and Natasha Clark of Meridian practice patient-
re on the manikin used for training in their program.

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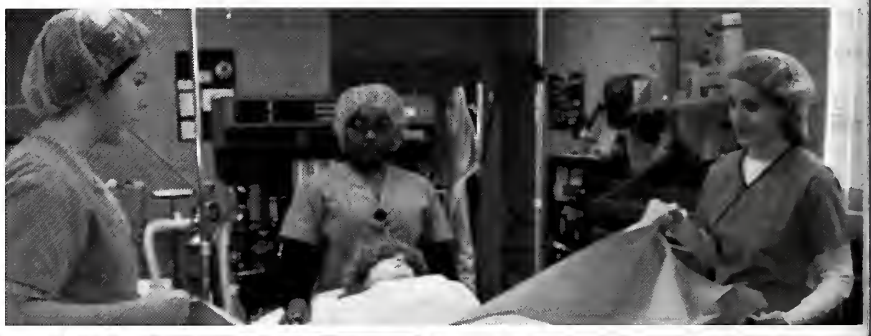
Surgical tech student, Candace Griffin of Philadelphia, suits up and prepares herself for surgery during a clinical lab session.

Sheree Portis of Meridian and Synica Bester of Philadelphia, both surgical tech students, practice instrument distribution with one another during a lab session.

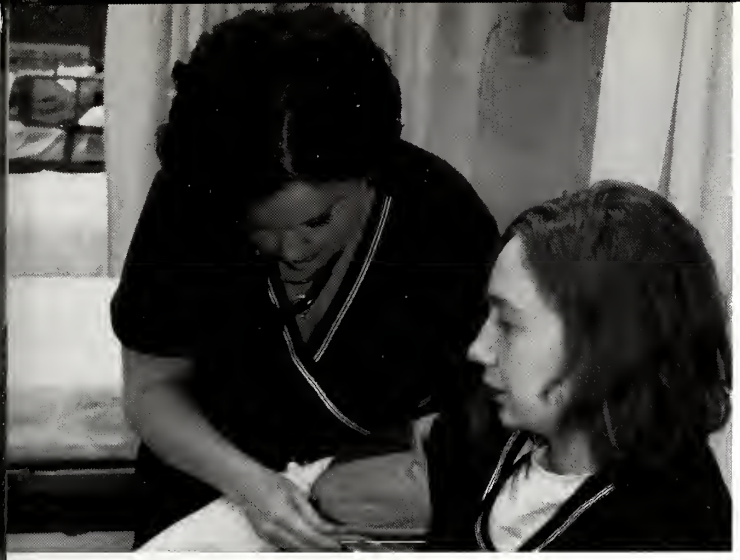
Surgical tech students, Laci Bridges of Lawrence and Kristie Boswell, of Union, scrub their hands and arms to train for preparation for surgery.

At right, Monique Robinson of Newton, Jeanna Richardson of Philadelphia, Laci Bridges of Lawrence, Sheree Portis of Meridian, Candace Griffin and Synica Bester, both of Philadelphia, pose for a photo during their Halloween fun.



Surgical tech students enjoyed a party in celebration of Halloween. Pictured are Jessica LaPeze, Kristie Boswell and Ashley Tarrar, all of Union; Kristen Evans of Decatur; Marty Boatner and Missy Messersmith of Louisville; Deanna Morris of Carthage and Shaquita Brown of Meridian.

Deanna Morris and Jessica Lapeze practice preparing instruments for surgery during a laboratory training.



ing assistant student, Kimberly Wareing of Forest, places a blood pressure cuff nd the arm of her classmate Carrie Alexander of Philadelphia, practicing her skills.

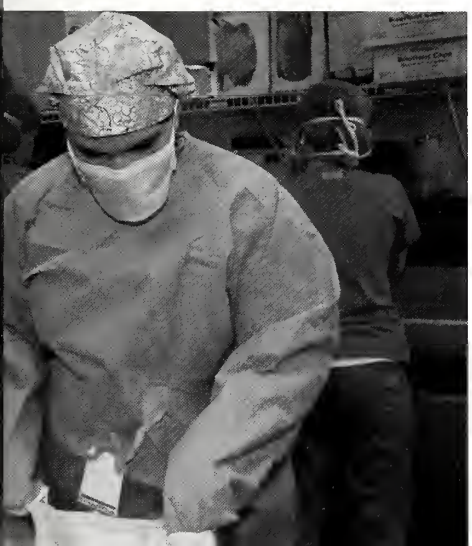
Lakeisha Robinson of Forest and Akenia Love of Louisville practice the proper way to make a hospit training in their nursing assistant program.

Nursing assistant student Carrie Alexander of Philadelphia hyper extends the arm of her fellow classmate, Kim Wareing of Forest, demonstrating techniques learned in her nursing program.

ve, Marty Boatner of Louisville helps dress Jessica Lopez of n for surgery during a practice session for the surgical tech dents.

eft, surgical tech students Jeanna Richardson of adelphia, Kristen Evans of Decatur and Laci Bridges of rence practice covering a patient during a clinical lab session.

ight, nursing assistant student LaKeisha Robinson of st takes the weight of her classmate, Akenia Love of sville, in preparation for care for her future patients.



Adventure
Organizations

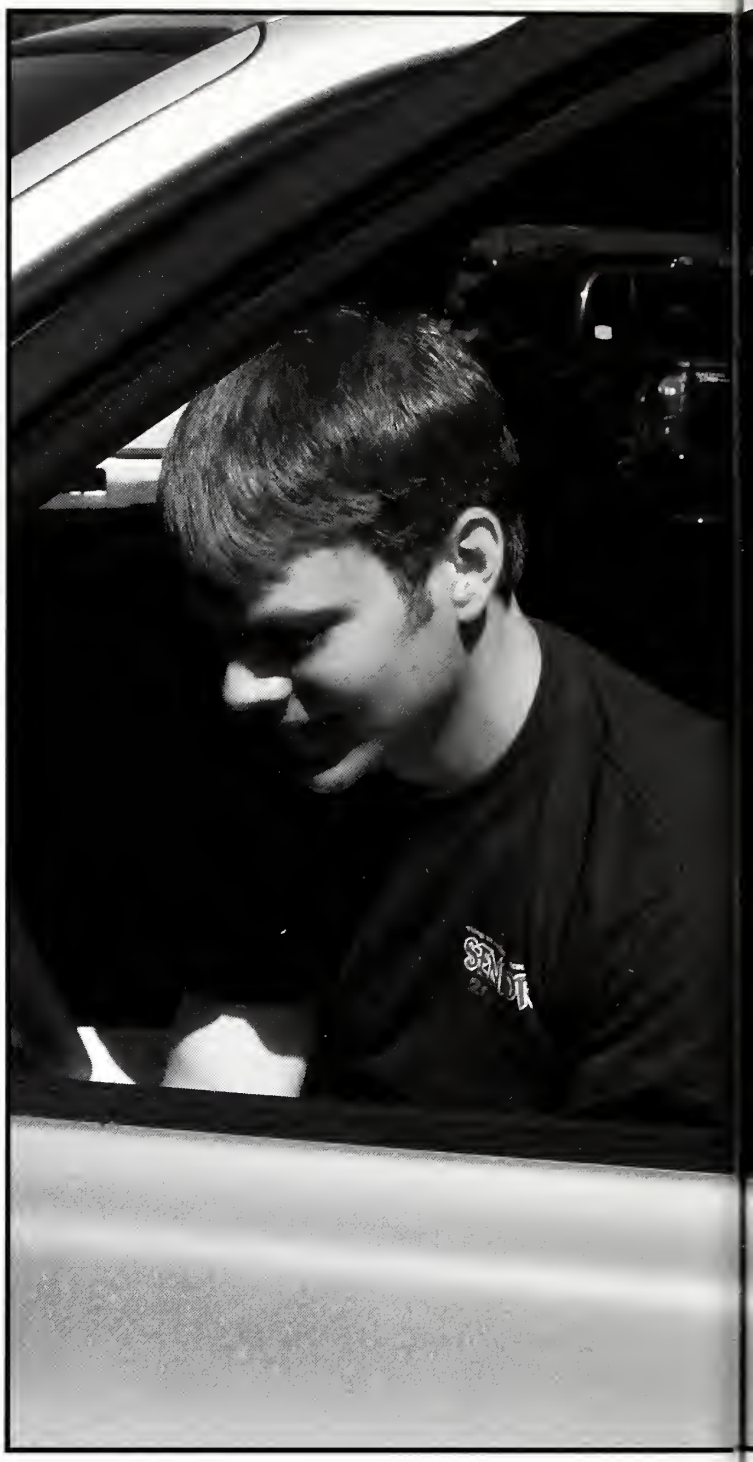
There comes a time in all of our lives where we just want to belong. When this feeling comes knocking, East Central has helped foster the cure. The organizations that EC provides give students the means to fellowship with others who share similar interests and goals, thus giving a feeling of belonging.

As a supplement to academic studies, organizations teach skills that are not easily learned in the classroom. Organizations show us how to work closely with those around us, become leaders among our peers and servants to our community. They teach us how to better manage our time and become active members while maintaining good grades in our classes.

The organizations at East Central vary greatly much like the availability of academic programs. Clubs, like the Environmental Club, give members the chance to teach others about the importance of environmental safety and protecting our natural world; whereas, clubs such as Phi Beta Lambda teach members the importance of professionalism and how to succeed in the business world.

With each new person that makes East Central their home, a new set of ideas, dreams and passions becomes a part of the EC family and the variety of clubs and organizations is sure to increase. East Central has always been a leading college in providing students with ways to get involved and shows no signs of slowing up now!

~Shaun Cooper



During a PBL carwash fundraiser, Josh Dickerson details a car before handir keys back to the owner.

Ten People who...Lead.

Derek Crenshaw
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Kylie Rigdon
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Matt Naylor
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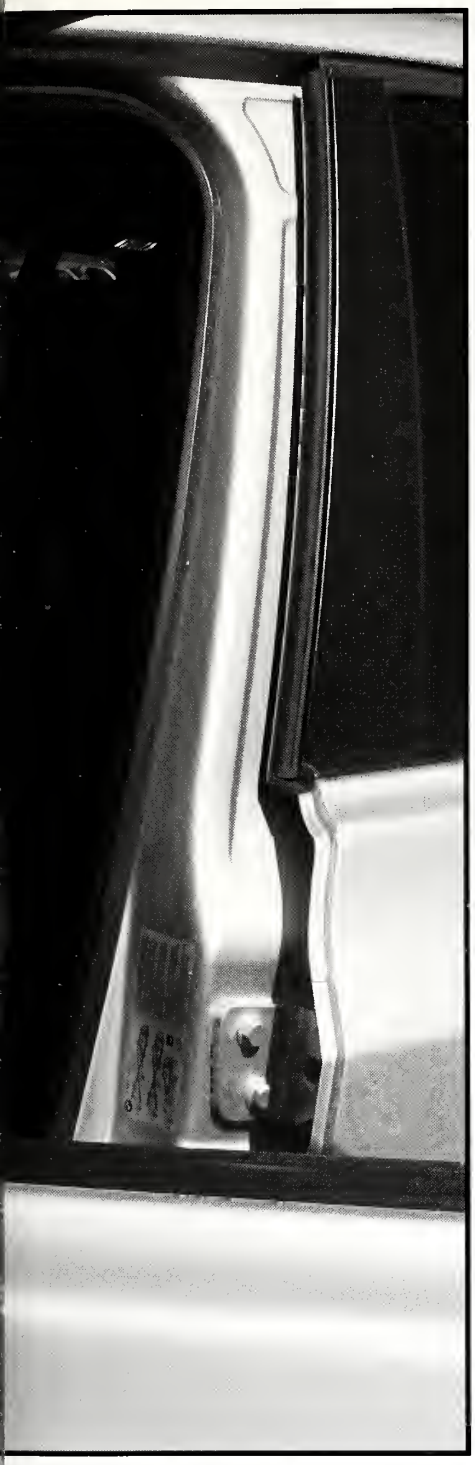
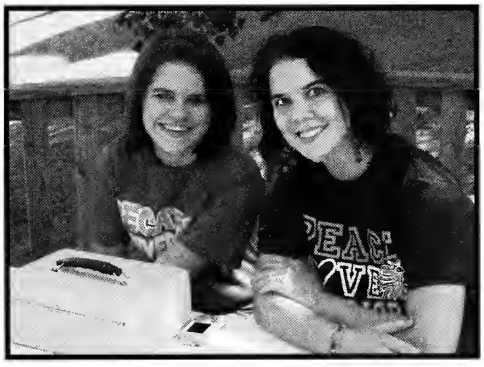
Becky Culpepper
Scott Central HS



Keeping it in the family, Band Director Tom Carson had four sets of twins in the band this year. From Left to right, Reaghan and Meaghan Mayes, Brooke and Becky Culpepper, Brandon and Christina Gibbs and Kim and Kimberly Amerson.



Above, left: Taking time to smell the weeds, Drew Harrison is "romanced" by fellow Collegians vocalist Nathan Spears during the group photo shoot. Above: President's Council is just another activity for officers Kylie Rigdon, Shaun Cooper, and Brandi Tollett.

Who says you have to play to enjoy the sport? Diamond Darlings provides girls a chance to get in on the baseball experience. Duties include selling concessions, rooting the team on, and taking up tickets like Lauren Lyle and Cayla Boyd.

Tom and Brenda Carson

Tiffany Thomas Winston Academy

Steve Cheatham

Shaun Cooper Newton County HS

Edgar Alvarez Forest HS

Academic/Career-Technical Organizations

The academic and career-technical organizations at ECCC ready students for future success. They do so by providing knowledge of a specific field or by giving students a chance to lead, think and serve. They help students build fundamental skills needed to succeed in the workplace and give them insight into issues and real-life problems they will one day face. Many of these organizations also provide a bridge into the professional organizations students will later join.

Thomas Hamil, who was captured by Iraqi militants during the ambush of a civilian convoy in Iraq in 2004, visited ECCC as a guest of the Book Club on Veterans Day. The Macon resident talked with students about his book, "Escape in Iraq." Pictured are (from left) Hamil and sophomores Brandi Ricks of Forest and Brittany Smith of Sebastopol, president of the book club.

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau is an academic organization designed to assist students who are pursuing a major in a medical field. The club represents programs on medical opportunities, and provides its members with information from schools concerning further medical studies. Advisers are Kim Hardy, Patti Davis and Peggy Clayton.

Members include: (front row, from left) Kimberley Blackwell of Nanih Waiya, Erin Huffman of Collinsville, Amber Madison of Philadelphia, Alison Lowery of Louisville, Chelsey Boatner of Philadelphia, Rachel Ramirez of Forest, Britni Harvey and Mabry Freeny, both of Carthage; and Shannon Gallaspy of Newton; (second row, from left) Chris Tramill of Newton, Erin Breland of Philadelphia, Abby McMillan of Newton, Ashley Pigg of Carthage, Anna Fulton of Louisville, Gelisa Sumling of Heidelberg, Brittany Cushman of Forest, and club sponsors, biology instructor Kim Hardy and chemistry instructor Peggy Clayton; (third row, from left) Brandi Jasper of Quitman, Gee-Gee H. Grace of Meridian, Brandi Mathes of Philadelphia, Ginny Mitchell of Carthage, Adrienne Bird of Morton, Kayla Adcock of Louisville, Anna Munn of Collinsville, and Demetria Coleman and Whitney Smith, both of Louisville; and (fourth row, from left) biology instructor Patti Davis, club sponsor, Jodie Roberts, Chris Pearson and Katharyn Benson, all of Union; Matt Naylor of Collinsville, McClain Mullins of Tupelo, Corbin Jenkins of Carthage, Josh Ledford of Forest and Evelyn Smith of Newton.

Members of the Alpha Alpha Epsilon club include: (front row, from left) Drew Holdiness of Louisville, Pierre Miranda of Morton, Anna Switzer of Meridian, Olivia Scott of Carthage, James Tucker of Decatur, Gloria McRae, club sponsor; (second row, from left) Lance Thompson of Pelahatchie, Zach Pillsbury of Decatur, Conner Herrington and Mark Pankratz, both of Carthage; Casey Stokes of Philadelphia and Michael Sanford of Carthage; (back row, from left) Haywood Reeves, sponsor and Brad Hughes of Edinburg.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon

Alpha Alpha Epsilon is an organization for students majoring in pre-engineering or industrial arts. It stimulates interest in these professions and provides the opportunity to make further study of engineering and industrial arts in allied fields. Advisers are Haywood Reeves and Gloria McRae.

East Central Book Club

EC Book Club, an organization for students interested in reading and discussing various literature. The group hosts invited guests to discuss various literature. Advisers are Gail Wood and Vivian Taylor.

Members of the Book Club include: (front row, from left) Leah Holland of Union, Tyler Gaylord of Noxapater, Brittany Smith of Sebastopol, club president; and Tyler Watkins of Forest; (back row, from left) Zachary Eaves of Louisville, Tanika Robinson of Forest and advisers, Gail Wood and Vivian Taylor.

Retired ECCC instructor Ovid Vickers visits the Book Club and discusses literature with the group. Vickers is one of many guests the club welcomed throughout the year to present discussions on a variety of readings.

East Central Surgical Technology Student Association members include: (front row, from left) Kristy Boswell, Candace Griffin, Kristian Evans, Missy Williamson and Deanna Morris; (middle row, from left) Laci Bridges, Sheree Portis, Monique Robinson, Shaquita Brown, Jennileen Jackson and Jessica Young; (back row, from left) Marty Boatner, Jessica LaPeze, Jason Yarbrough, Synica Bester, April Tillman, Jeana Richardson and Jacqueline Hunt.

EC Surgical Technology Student Association

East Central Surgical Technology Student Association consists of surgical technology students who are members of the national organization, Association of Surgical Technologists. The organization is designed to help these students acquire knowledge and skills essential for preparing them for a surgical technology career. Sponsors are Kristie Pilgrim and LeAnn Shirley.

SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving members enrolled in programs training in technical, skilled and service occupations. The organization prepares America's high performance workers by providing quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. Career-technical instructors share adviser duties.

SkillsUSA members include: (front row, from left) Clancy Scarborough, Chaz Brunschon, Evan Pinson, Zack Reed, Josh Steele, Patrick Walton, Bruce Manning and Ben Walton; (second row, from left) Austin Vernon, Chester Whittle, Lannis Windham, Richard Mosby, Eric Boone, Lavell McDonald, Kris Holmes, Dustin Davis and Kurt Tolbert; (back row, from left) Joseph Downing, Sylvester Carter, Clint Sloan, Jesse Holloway, Doug Harrison, Jason Cacote, Chris Morgan, Ricky Rickles and Kenny Drury.

Workforce Development Coordinator Chris Clark and Gerald Jordan, welding instructor, cook burgers and sausage dogs for the concession stand before the Sept. 11, 2008 football game. Profits from the concession stand sales assist with funding the SkillsUSA organization.

Association of Student Nurses at East Central

ASNEC is a constituent of the National Student Nurses' Association, Inc. (NSNA). The organization promotes and encourages participation in community affairs and activities toward improved healthcare and related social issues. It also serves to influence healthcare through legislative activities. Advisers are Nan Anderson and Christy Savell.

First Year ASNEC Students

First-year members include: (front row, from left) Brittany Harrison, Brandi Chambers, Holley Lindsay, Betsy Powell, Haley Walker, Jessica Leach, Angela Gray Erica Jenkins, Lesley Porter and Betty Tucker; (second row, from left) Tanya Sistrunk, Wendy Crumbley, Connie Savell, Emily Baysinger, Kristy Chamblee, Melissa Etie, Wyneda McLaurin, Angie Massey, Hope Cole, Tera Culpepper and Austin Crouther; (third row, from left) Krystle Wolverton, Taylor Thames, Tim Seibel, Clay Cockrell, Amanda Spears, Chassidy Smith, Paige Lashley, Tanner Long, Michael Cox, Amelia Sulley and Gladys Edmond; (back row, from left) Denny Bryan, Tyler Hansford, Brian Taylor, Brandi Kennedy, Sherry Huie, Terry Lightheart, first-year delegate; Brittni Cazier, vice president; Rose Eichelberger, Jaclyn Wright and Nioka Gillis.

Second Year ASNEC Students

Second-year members include: (front row, from left) Stewart Marshall, Kim Williams, April Hogue, Tiffanie Credille, secretary and second-year delegate; Tiffany Dora, Kelvin Knowles, Brandi Goodwin, Macqualine Triplett, Kim Traxler and Shannon Harrison; (second row, from left) Tiffany Quick, Mildred Young, Shana Harrison, Kristy Holmes, Jennifer Harris, Jana Hunt, Shelley Darby, treasurer; Sandra Colyer, Keysa Graham and Corey Shoemaker, (third row, from left) Doug Kelley, president and second-year delegate; Michelle Galloway, Christy Ezell, Christy Gressett, Kristi Stapp, Jessica Dean, Tori Williams, Rebecca Wilbanks, Kemyatta Qualls, Barbara Pitts, Cindy Payne and Erin Miller; and (back row, from left) Scott Hayman, Steven McKenzie, Brad McKinley, Kim Burton, Kim Crockett, Kay Boswell, Daniel Pickett, Tiffany Henson, Rebecca Brown, secretary; Cynthia Ledlow, Alisha Hitt, Dawn Gibson, Holly Tullos, Lance Wooten and Ashley Castillo.

ASNEC Officers

Doug Kelley, president and second-year delegate; Brittni Cazier, vice president; Terry Lightheart, first-year delegate; and Tiffanie Credille, secretary and second-year delegate.

Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda is the premier business association preparing students for careers in business and success in life. Its purpose is to foster a better relationship between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general. Advisers are Brenda Johnson, Thomas Fortenberry, Stella Dickerson, Judy Hurtt, Ruth Gregory, Christy Ferguson and Kelly Cluff.

Members include: (front row, from left) Denetra Darden, Brittany Morrison, Kimberly Goodin, historian; Laura Pearson, parliamentarian; Kim Amerson, secretary; Rebecca Rogers, treasurer; Jonathan Federick, vice president; Josh Dickerson, president; and Aaron Morrison, reporter; (second row, from left) Joni Bozeman, Tia Weaver, Reva Coate, Shaun Cooper, Amanda Hampton, Leslie Mangrum, Jacqueline Ward, LaChelle Moss, Windie Poston and Kristina Bell; (third row, from left) Abby McMillan, Tia C. Johnson, Mary Yousef, Miranda Edwards, Meaghan Mayes, Hannah Watkins, Miriah Barney, Cory Harkins, Jeff Grimshel, Jess Byars and Casey Shoemaker; (back row, from left) Brett Latimer, Henry Shumaker Jr., Evan M. Summers-Jones, Zach Gibbs, Dexter McDonald, Julius Wash, Ray Barnes, Thomas White, Jonathan Nelson, Holt Hamrick and David T. Smith.

PBL Collects for Needy Children

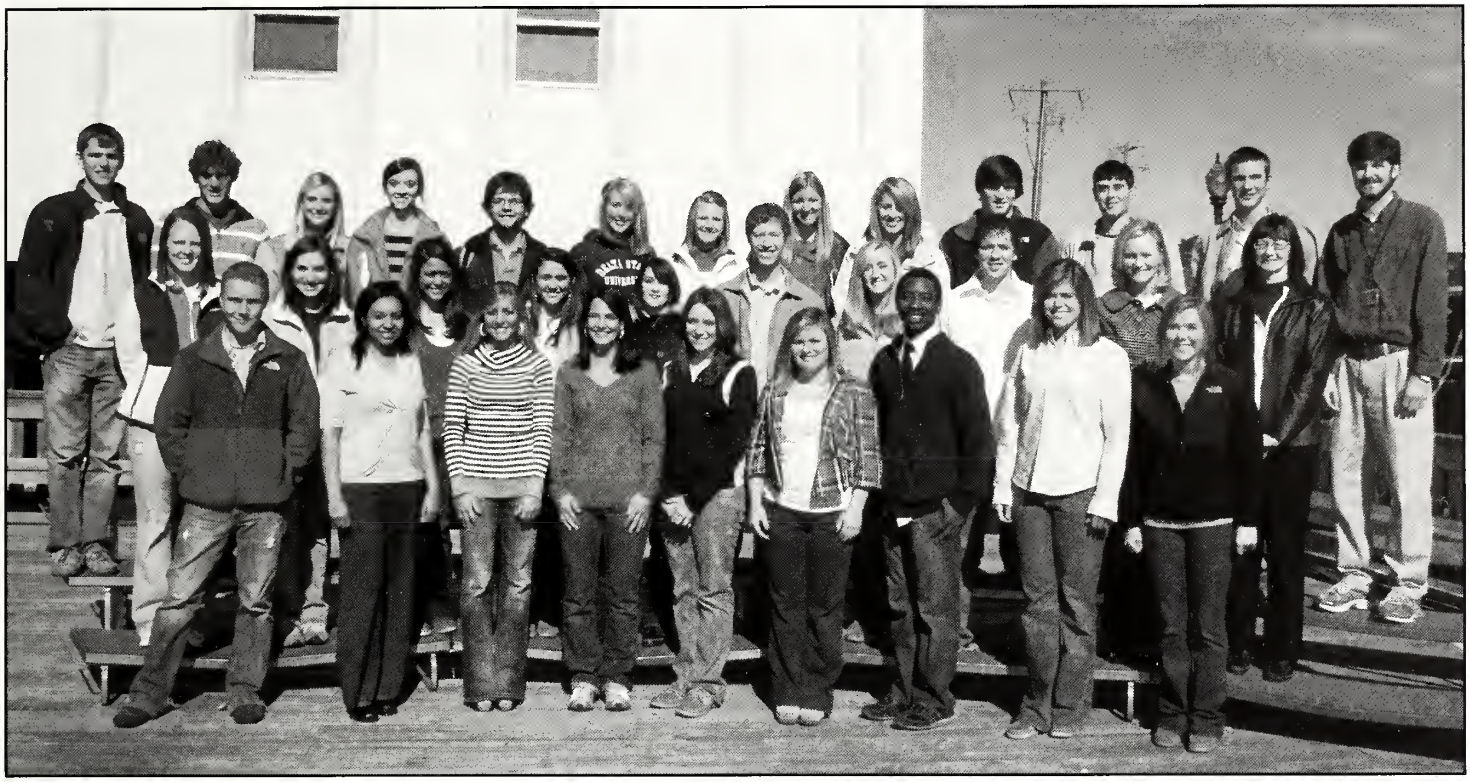
Phi Beta Lambda members are shown with some of the many cans of food club members and others collected to benefit the Sunbelt Christian Children's Ranch near Lake. Kelly Cluff, a computer network support technology instructor, and Piggly Wiggly in Newton matched the students' efforts, which resulted in 484 cans collected during the food drive, held as part of Theta Chi Chapter's annual community service project. Warrior Corps students also participated in the project. From left are PBL Community Service Committee members Kristina Bell, Fallon Judge, Kimberly Amerson, Kimberly Goodin, Ava Green, Antogonie Leverette, Joyce Horne, Lachelle Moss, Wanoka Thomas and Amanda Jones.

Phi Beta Lambda Officers

Josh Dickerson, president; Jonathan Federick, vice president; and Aaron Morrison, reporter. Standing from left are Kimberly Goodin, historian; Kim Amerson, secretary; Rebecca Rogers, treasurer; and Laura Pearson, parliamentarian.

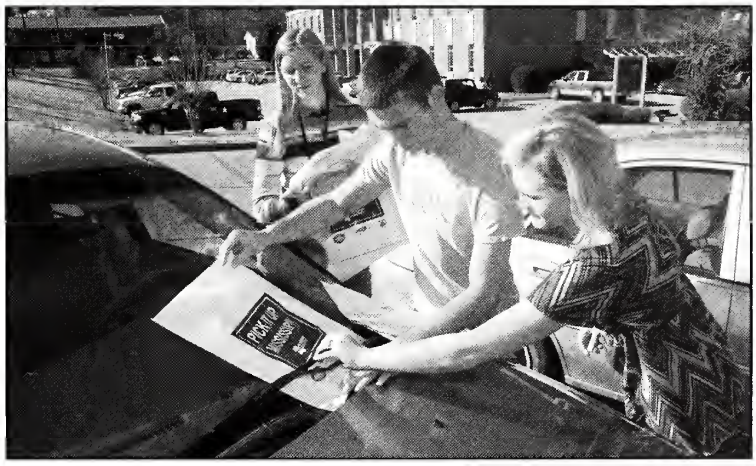
Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honorary society of the two-year college. It is designed to promote scholarship, develop character, and cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. Advisers are Kate Covich, Deborah Hammons and Curt Skipper.



Phi Theta Kappa members for 2008-09 include: (front row, from left) Jordan Clark, Dominique McKee, Kayla Adcock, Anna Munn, Kylie Rigdon, Rebecca Watkins, Shaun Cooper, Bailey Brown and Jessica Galloway; (second row, from left) Genny Freeman, Emilee Lanier, Sidney Gutierrez, Britni Harvey, Melissa Moody, Tim Seibel, Krystle Wolverton, Spencer Dickerson, and advisers Kate Covich and Deborah Hammons; (back row, from left) Timothy Maloney, Justin Traylor, Megan Munn, Nicole Dunavant, Aaron Mann, Tiffany Thomas, Whitney Smith, Caiti Slay, Anna Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Matt Livingston, Matt Naylor and Curt Skipper, adviser.

These members of Theta Xi chapter are doing their part to help battle the litter problem in Mississippi by placing trash bags and informative flyers on vehicle windshields throughout the Decatur campus. The flyers contain information on Mississippi litter statistics and how individuals can help correct the growing problem in the state. Theta Xi chapter members Caiti Slay and Matt Naylor along with adviser Kate Covich- placed approximately 100 trash bags, which were provided by the Mississippi Department of Transportation. Naylor researched information for the effort and served as project leader. The ECCC chapter tagged "InfoTrash" as its theme for the project in association with the International Phi Theta Kappa clean-up effort, "Operation Green: Improving Our Communities."



Phi Theta Kappa Officers

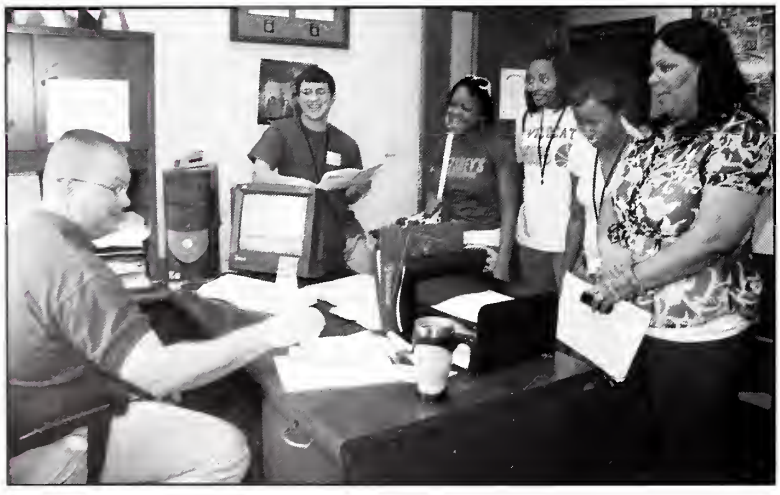
Phi Theta Kappa Officers include: (front row, from left) Dominique McKee, membership co-chair; Shaun Cooper, president; and Kayla Adcock, scrapbook committee chair; (back row, from left) Aaron Mann, vice president of leadership; Caiti Slay, treasurer; Emilee Lanier, vice president of fellowship; and Matt Naylor, vice president of service.

Leadership Organizations

Leadership organizations at East Central help keep the communication between students and school officials as they work together on various issues. These organizations provide students with valuable opportunities to exercise their leadership skills. Students learn to communicate with others, tackle tough issues and get things done.

There's nothing scary about these girls. Student Body Association officers smile for a photo while all dressed up for the Haunted House of Hoops. Pictured are: Kylie Rigdon, treasurer and Masquerader; Emily Thrash, president and 80s chick; Anna Laurie Ezelle, vice president and Sarah Palin; and Kasey Crutcher, secretary and Spiderella.

Caiti Slay of Forest, Environmental Club representative, reports club happenings with member of the President's Council during their October meeting. Also pictured are Bailey Brown of Morton, Diamond Darlings representative and Calli Cumberland of Decatur representing the sophomore class.



Residence Hall Council member Albert Hunt of Louisville assists Director of Student Life Jonathan Peeples with dormitory assignments during the first week of the fall semester. The College recorded a 7 percent enrollment increase compared to last year with 2,613 student enrolled to date. From left, Peeples and Hunt register returning sophomore roommates, Briana Edison of Collins, Aerial Sanders of Walnut Grove and Antanetta Dubose of Meridian. Pictured at far right is Briana's mother, Angela Edison.

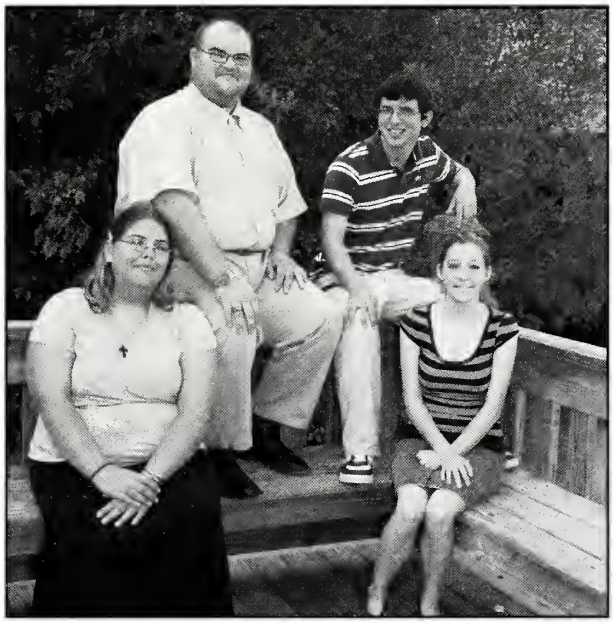
Student Body Association

Members include: (front row, from left): Venyatha Norris, Kayla Hampton, Calli Cumberland, Joy Hayes, Anna Laurie Ezelle and Emily Thrash; (second row, from left): Edgar Alvarez, Kasey Crutcher, Candi Vance, Kylie Rigdon and Cody Ming. Not pictured: Briana Edison.

Composed of student body officers and representatives from each class, the SBA plans and implements the entertaining activites that make life on campus more enjoyable. Members also serve as liasons between their fellow students and campus adminstration. Advisor is Vice President for Student Services Joe Killens.

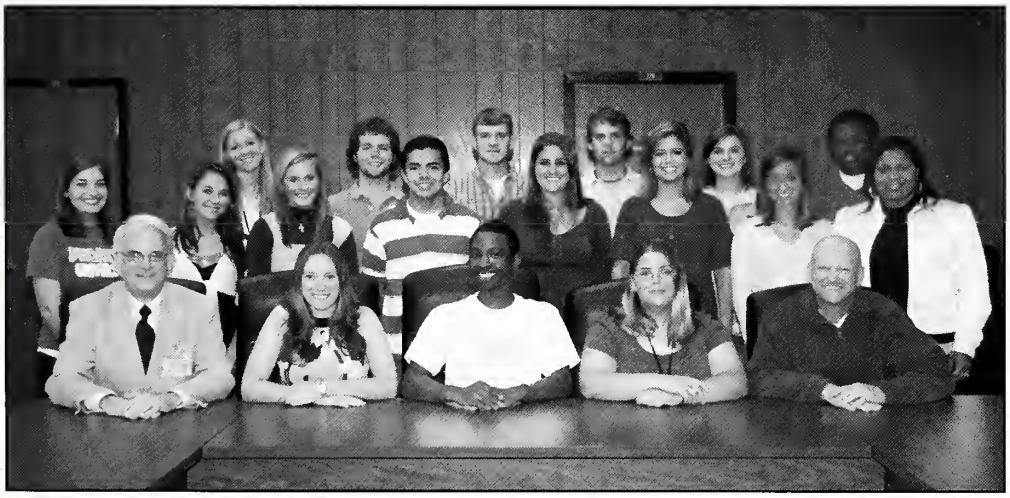
Residence Hall Council

The purpose of this organization is to assist the Director of Student Life, Jonathan Peeples, in supervising the dormitories. The residence hall council is made up of resident assistants and other at-large members.



Members include: (front row, from left) Brandi Tollett and Courtney Cravens; (back row, from left) Zachary Eaves and Albert Hunt..

President's Council



Members include: (front row, from left) Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, Kylie Rigdon, secretary, Shaun Cooper, president, Brandi Tollett, vice president, and Joe Killens, vice president for student services; (second row, from left) Emilee Lanier, Brittany Harvey, Emily Thrash, Edgar Alvarez, Ysabel Avalosl, Bailey Brown, Calli Cumberland, Kayla Nixon; (back row, from left) Caiti Slay, Aaron Mann, Josh Dickerson, Casey Stokes, Brittni Cazier and Austin Crouther.

The President's Council establishes better communications between the student organizations on campus and the President's office. Members meet with Dr. Phil Sutphin and Vice President for Student Services Joe Killens monthly to discuss activities and concerns.

Religious Organizations

Three religious organizations are available on campus for students who wish to fellowship with those who share common beliefs. Together they pursue a faith that will be all-important to them in college years. Members share meals, worship, experiences, service, prayers and memories.

Sharing their Christian compassion, Landon Burt and BSU Director Scott Vaughn hand out water to students throughout campus during the first few days of school and during the semester.

Showing students around campus that it is "Chicken-Man time," Kolby Sisson, BSU president dresses in the BSU chicken suit.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Officers

Fellowship of Christian Athletes officers for 2008-09 are: (front row, from left) club sponsor Coach Scott Hill of Decatur and officers, Genny Freeman of Laurel, vice president; and Emily Wooten of Carthage, secretary; (back row, from left) Derek Crenshaw of Philadelphia, treasurer and Timothy Maloney of Meridian, president.

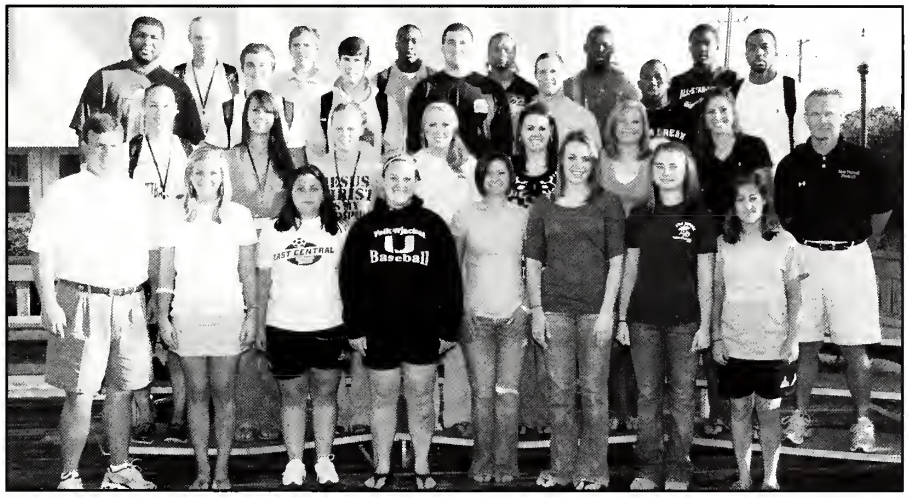
Baptist Student Union

The BSU seeks to help students live the Christian life through worship, Bible study, missions, conferences, retreats and personal witness. The activities are promoted through the Baptist Student Center across the street from campus. Director is Scott Vaughn; associate director is Cassidy Crenshaw.

Baptist Student Union members include: Row 1: Abby McMillan, Cayla Boyd, Santigous Culpepper, Savanna Smith, Becky Culpepper, Lacy McMullan, Erica Dowell and Heather Jowers; Row 2: Bethany Latham, DeAndra Graham, Rebbie Douglas, Lindsey Clark, Whitney Smith, Britni Harvey, Tiffany Thomas and Hannah Lee; Row 3: Lindsey Stuart, Lacey Wilson, Mercedes Brown, Stephanie McLaurin, Brittany Morrison, Nicole Franklin, Krystal Ward and Sandy Penn; Row 4: Tina Long ,Mamie Shannon, Josh Morehead, Anna Marie Powell, Aaron Mann, Jordan Gunn, Anna Fulton and Megan Munn; Row 5: Cameron Weaver, Austin Mather, Brandon Cox, Jon Hillman, Matt Naylor, Kacy Covert, Marissa Ethridge, Sidney Gutierrer and Justin Traylor; Row 6: Paige Jones, Lacey Gilmore, Kimberly Blackwell, Tyler McNeil, Rachel Ramirez, Dexter McDonald, Jana Johnson, Anna Laurie Ezelle, Anna Johnson, Jacob Drury and Matthew Dempsey; Row 7: Cassidy Crenshaw, assistant BSU director, Elise Gibbs, Jarod Mullins, Brian Felton, JaMarrius Childress, Christopher Morrison, Denetra Darden, Keia Eichelberger, Amanda Hampton, David Mart, Naomi Massey, Stacy Henderson, Drew Crowell and Austin Dye; Row 8: Kolby Sisson, BSU president and BSU Director Scott Vaughn. Not pictured: Tyler Watkins.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in America. The EC chapter conducts regular morning prayer breakfasts which allows athletes and other students to fellowship and share their faith. FCA focuses on equipping, empowering, and encouraging young people, especially athletes, to make a difference for Christ. The club adviser is Softball Head Coach Scott Hill.



Members include: (front row, from left) FCA sponsor Coach Scott Hill; Emily Thrash, Catalina Tarazona, Paige Holsen, Sierra Farlow, Shana Easley and Marcia Guerreiro; (second row, from left) Kat Taylor, Kimberly Blackwell, Genny Freeman, Allison Phillips, Emily Wooten, Erin Breland, Hannah Lee and Coach Steve Cheatham; (third row, from left) Coach Maurice Bowie, Tyler McNeil, Derek Crenshaw, Jarred Fleming, Dustin Alley, Kendrick D. May and Bruce Williams; (back row, from left) Drew Wilson, Timothy Maloney, Clint Coleman, Lamar Truman, Randy Carter and Jeremy Dillon.

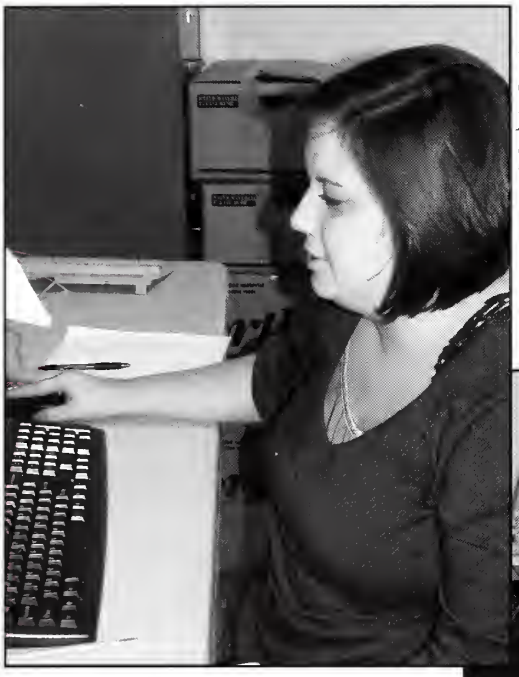
Members include: (front row, from left): Anna Fulton, Anna Powell, Cody Strait and Elise Gibbs; (second row, from left): Lindsey Stuart, Lacey Wilson, Mercedes Brown, Lachelle Moss, Leah Holland, Mamie Shannon and Peachrich Pouerie; (third row, from left): Sue Ford, Gail Fulton, Jessica Brown, Whitney Thompson, Tunisha Ellis, Jessica Shoemaker, Josh Morehead, Brian Felton and Jared Mullins.

Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, is a fellowship of college students, regardless of denominational relationships, desiring to enrich and deepen their Christian experiences and become more Christ-like through worship, Bible study, prayer and service. The director is the Rev. Johnny Crosby.

Publications

East Central's publications staffs work year-round to create solid time capsules in which students can document their time here at EC. *The Tom-Tom*, newspaper, and *Wo-He-Lo*, yearbook, staffs know how to work hard under pressure to make deadlines for print. This year, each received a new adviser, Mrs. Gennie Phillips-Odom. Along with a new adviser, each also had a new way of layout. The *Wo-He-Lo* went online with layout making it more accessible to staffers. *The Tom-Tom* layout went to the hands of the staffers directly; in fact, many had to learn how for the first time. In years to come, students will be able to look back on their time here, thanks to the Publications staffs.



Getting used to working on the yearbook online was a challenge all staffers had to face this year. Working dutifully and with ease, Crystal Massey begins work on the Welcome Back Week page.

The Tom-Tom not only received a new adviser this year, but also a new way to layout the paper. For the first time in recent years, The Tom-Tom staffers were able to learn how to layout a paper from scratch. Not having any problems adjusting to the changes, freshman Ashley Dumas works diligently to make her deadline.

This year, publications had the advantage of each having the same editor and assistant editor for both The Tom-Tom and the Wo-He-Lo. Kylie Rigdon, editor, came back for her second year of editorship on the paper and started her editorship on the yearbook. Shaun Cooper came in this year as first-year assistant editor. At Appalachian Leadership Honors Program held on the Mississippi State University Starkville Campus, Shaun and Kylie learned valuable leadership skills which have helped them to work well together as well as with each staff more efficiently. Right: Excited to start the day at Camp Seminole, Shaun and Kylie pose before they start building skills in communication, critical thinking, trust, and leadership.

From Left to Right: Sitting: Ashley Dumas, Kayla Hampton, Ashley Devine, Kristina James, Kylie Rigdon, editor, and Samantha Kinard. Standing: Leslie Crawford, Anthony Williams, cartoonist, Zach Eaves, Leif Miller, Daniel Alexander, Tyler Watkins, J'Markus Dubose, Jody Lawson, and Santigious Culpepper. Not pictured: Shaun Cooper, Aaron Morrison, Shardae Foley, Tanika Robinson, and Tiffany Lowery,

The Tom-Tom Staff

The Tom-Tom is the official campus newspaper. Staff members gain valuable experience in journalism as they produce six issues per year.

Wo-He-Lo Staff

The yearbook staff works to capture the year through pictures, caption, and informative articles. The Wo-He-Lo is given to students each spring as a record of their time at East Central.

From Left to Right: Sitting: Ashley Dumas, Kayla Hampton, Ashley Devine, Kristina James, Kylie Rigdon, editor, and Tanika Robinson. Standing: Caiti Slay, Crystal Massey, Lance Goodin, Leslie Crawford, Allison Walker, Leif Miller, Lindsey Donald, Tyler Watkins, Candi Willis, J'Markus Dubose, Rachel Ramirez, Jody Lawson, Brooke Robinson and Ashton Lowery. Not pictured: Shaun Cooper, Cody Walters, Teddy Bloodsaw, Briana Edison, Lindsey Stuart. Dexter McDonald and Anteigra Coleman.

Special Interests Organizations

Some organizations are difficult to categorize; however, these organizations are vital to East Central. They draw together various groups of people who share interests and give them a chance to pursue common goals.

Diamond Darlings

Being a Diamond Darling gives girls interested in baseball an opportunity to become part of the ECCC baseball program. Diamond Darlings provide encouragement for the players and offer assistance at home ballgames. Kate Covich serves as the adviser for the club.

Members include: (front row, from left)Tanika Robinson of Forest, Cayla Boyd of Decatur, Rachel Ramirez of Forest, Brooklyn Boyette of Noxapater, Marlee Deweese and Chelsey Boatner, both of Philadelphia; Santigious Culpepper of Forest and Lacy Clay of Noxapater; (back row, from left) Olivia Shaw of Paulding, Kate Mason of Newton, Lauren Lyle of Decatur, Donna Strickland and Anna Williams, both of Newton; Ashley Fortune of Philadelphia, Shardae Foley of Hickory and Lacey Wilson of Philadelphia. Members not pictured are Leigh Rentz and Morgan Deweese, both of Philadelphia; Bailey Brown of Morton, and Courtney Dearing of Steens.

East Central Student Art Association

The newly formed, East Central Student Art Association is comprised of students who have an interest in fine arts.
The organization seeks to help promote the arts in the community and on campus. ECSSA is sponsored by art instructor Christopher Brady.

Art club members include: (front row, from left) Leslie Graham of Forest, Brittany Gibbs of Lake, Keia Eichelberger of Louisville, Holly Webb and Jessica Brown, both of Forest; (second row, from left) Brittany Bobo of Union, Celeste Franklin of Philadelphia, Cody Strait of Hickory, Anna Claire Peeples of Louisville, Corbin Hurst of Hickory; and (back row, from left) Paula Parker of Morton, Brandi Tollett, president, of Louisville; Bradley Reynolds, vice president, of Noxapater; Cody Walters, treasurer, of Forest; and Christopher Brady, club sponsor and art instructor. Not pictured are: Ryan Smith, Travis Welch, Tyler Watkins, Delia Haynes, Nicole Franklin, Chris Clark, T. J. Underwood, Jamie Ghram and Jeremy Clayton.

Native American Association

The Native American Association is a support group for Native American students and culture. The club is sponsored by Gloria Johnson and Gail Wood.

Members include: Max Anderson of Conehatta, Nigel Allen of Carthage and Sean Farmer of Philadelphia.

East Central Environmental Club

The purpose of ECEC is to promote environmental awareness among its members and the community, to promote and encourage recycling, and to become an active part of the environmental network and the community. ECEC also conducts field trips throughout the year. Advisers are Joe Johnson, Sharon LeJeune, Kim Hardy and Curt Skipper.

Members include: (front row, from left) Shardae Foley of Hickory; Tanika Robinson and Gerlisa Rodriguez, both of Forest; Cody Strait of Hickory; Candi Wade of Pulaski; and Candie Willis of Union; (second row, from left) Sandy Penn of Forest; Brandi Tollett of Louisville; Leanne White, Amelia Burnside and Amanda Griffith, all of Carthage; Monika McMahan of Collinsville; and Shana Easley of Florence; (third row, from left) Joe Johnson, adviser; Sherry Weeks of Louisville; Tyler Watkins and Caiti Slay, both of Forest; Samantha Kinard of Noxapater; Kristina James of Carthage; and Cody Cotton of Decatur; (back row, from left) Sharon LeJeune, adviser; Curt Skipper, adviser; Lance Goodin of Louisville; Brad Reynolds of Noxapater; Daniel Alexander and J'Markus Dubose, both of Union; and Matthew Moore of Forest.

Warrior Corps

Warrior Corps is an elite group of students chosen by a special committee to represent East Central with recruiting endeavors and special events. These students must reflect the character and integrity of East Central Community College. Advisers are Michael Alexander, Lanette Hanna and Ramonica Evans.

Row 1: Brittany Jenkins, Adrienne McDill, Savanna Smith, Bailey Brown, Anna Fulton, Lacey Gilmore, Brittany Snow, and Bill Flowers. Row 2: Leanne White, Brandi Gray, Adrienne Bird, Candi Vance, Calli Cumblerland, Joy Hayes, Lacy McMurry, Britni Harvey, Donna Strickland, and Lindsey Stuart. Row 3: Kristi Bell, Kimberly Amerson, Meaghan Mayes, Whitney Smith, Becky Culpepper, Abby McMillian, Laura Alexander, Amanda Griffith, Ameila Burnside, Amber McCaughn, and Kyle Killens. Row 4: Landon Burt, Trey Herrington, Edgar Alvarez, Miriah Barney, Kim Amerson, Reagan Mayes, Crystal Massey, Amber Madison, Leigh Rentz, Kimberly Blackwell, Morgan Deweese, Krystal Ward, and Jacob Drury. Row 5: Kolby Sisson, Jordan Gunn, Cody Walters, Kristina Ealy, Sha Coleman, Kasey Crutcher, Anna Laurie Ezelle, Amber Smith, Anna Johnson, Kylie Rigdon, Michaela Lee, Jordan McMichael, Drew Smith, and Cody Ming.

The large cast of *Grease* performed by the EC Players in April of 2005. Lead characters were played by Drew Harrison (Danny), Carmen Etzel (Sandy), Emilee Lanier (Rizzo), Noah Cook (Kenickie), Anna Laurie Ezelle (Frenchy), Josh Dickerson (Doody), Dru Anderson (Marty), Jonathan Fedrick (Sonny), Dekota Anthony (Jan), Kyle Barrett (Putzie), Brookes Mayes (Patty), Aaron Morrison (Eugene), Aaron Mann (Teen Angel), Jennifer Sistrunk (Principal), McClain Myers (Vince Fortaine), and Nicole Dunavant (Cha-Cha). Numerous other students participated as dancers/chorus members for major songs and as sounds and light technicians.

The Concert Choir beautifully sings during their fall concert.

ECCC Collegians performs a tribute to Jimi Hendrix.

What Had Happened Was...

"Rockin' out and getting to watch people ages 8-80 dance to what we do...it's pretty awesome."
-Nathan Spears, Collegians

"Playing Mary Smart in 'Who Killed Elvis?' gave me the opportunity to do something I'll never be able to do in the 'real world;' I became a noted reporter for 'Entertainment Today!' Performing is always exciting because each act gets better than the last."
-Anna Laurie Ezelle, EC Players

Performing Groups

Members of East Central's performing groups bring all different kinds of talent to the stage. Whether the talent is acting, singing, dancing or playing an instrument, students in these groups enjoy shining in front of their classmates. Behind the scenes, each group spends hours of time rehearsing for performances.

Ac'cents members danced to many wonderful performances of couple and group dance and song numbers. Leading the ensemble below is second year Ac'cents members Aaron Mann of Carthage and Emilee Lanier of Little Rock. Other members include Casey Rowzee, Kyle Barrett, Erica Ervin, Lane Fulton, Carmen Hardy, Drew Harrison, Brandon Hughes, Tiffany Spence, Cody Strait, and Holly Webb. While Lanier was the only returning female member, three of the six males who make up the group returned for their second year.

EC Players break free of the their characters to cut up.

"Being in Ac'cents is awesome. I've made many great friends!"
-Emilee Lanier, Ac'cents

"I've been able to meet a lot of cool people and it is a lot of fun...plus, its under great direction."
-Drew Johnston, Concert Choir

"It Was A Windy, Dusty Day..."

Courtney Gamill and Rachel Ramirez

McClain Mullins

Aaron Mann

Logan McDonald and Michael Sanford

Cody Walters

Chris Smith

Candie Willis, Laura Alexander, and Aaron Morrison

Kristina Harrison, Hannah Watkins and Brittany Smith

J'Markus Dubose

Christina Gibbs and Amanda Hampton

Kristina Harrison and Kylie Rigdon

Emilee Lanier

Anna Powell, Josh Underw and Holly Webb

Colton Amis

EC Players

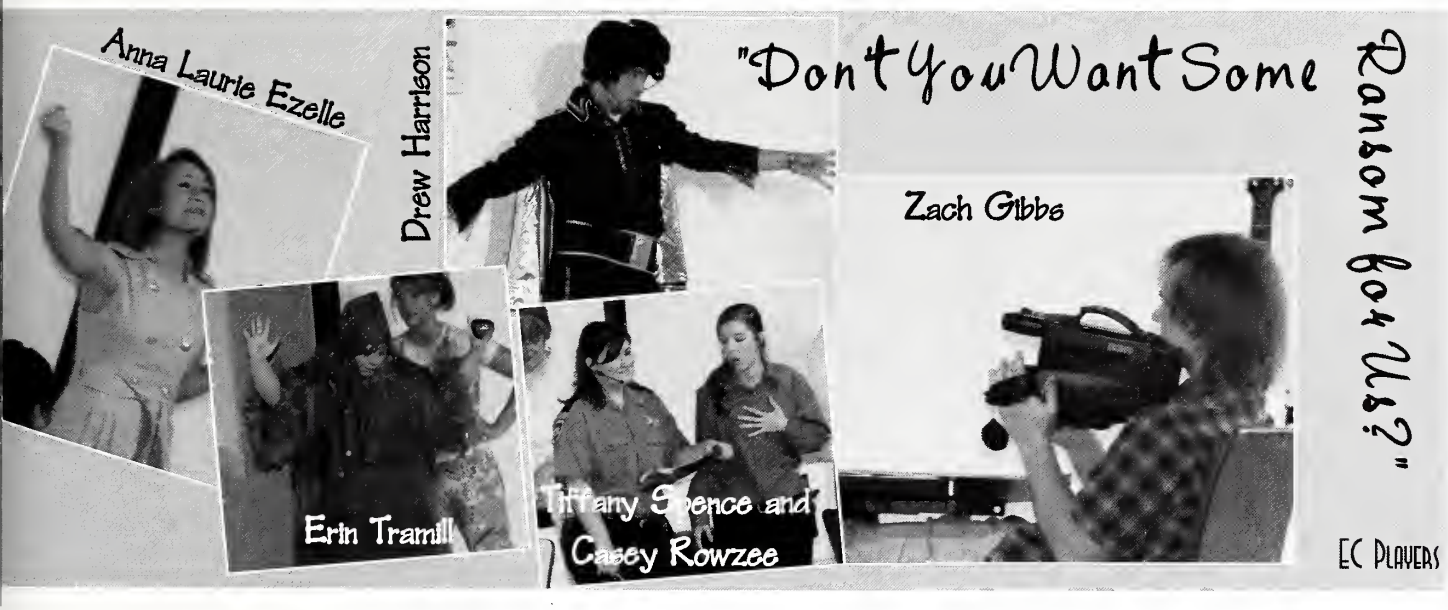
Who Killed Elvis?

Brandon Hughes

EC Players offers those interested in dramatics the opportunity to participate in various types of plays as an actor, student director, or member of the behind-the-scenes crew. Each year, the group presents a dinner theater in the fall and a musical in the spring. The 2008-2009 EC Players has a great year planned. The fall dinner theater of 2008 was Who Killed Elvis? In the spring of 2008, the EC Players presented Grease.

Who Killed Elvis? Cast

Row 1: Tiffany Spence, Casey Rowzee, India Dickerson, Nicole Franklin, Zach Gibbs, Anna Laurie Ezelle, Aaron Mann, Christina Gibbs, Amanda Hampton, Delia Haynes, Lance Goodin, and Leslie Graham. Row 2: Logan Copeland, Laura Alexander, Candie Willis, Aaron Morrison, Kylie Rigdon, Emilee Lanier, Kristina Harrison, Hannah Watkins, Brittany Smith, Erin Tramill, and Michael Sanford. Row 3: Brandi Hopkins, McClain Mullins, Cody Walters, Brandon Hughes, Chris Smith, J'Markus Dubose, Colton Amis, Drew Harrison, Logan McDonald, Edgar Alvarez, Rachel Ramirez, and Courtney Gammill. Row 4: Holly Webb, Josh Underwood, Anna Powell, Josh Ledford, and D.J. Howell.



Will It Go Round in Circles

Drew Harrison

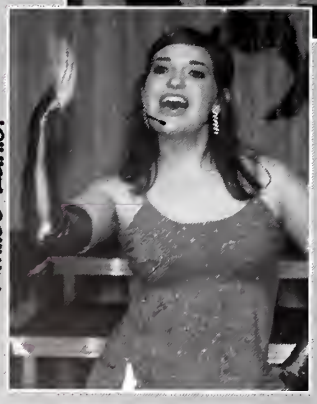
Holly Webb

Home

Kyle Barrett

Erica Ervin

Lane Fulton



Emilee Lanier

Fever

Ac'cents takes a lot of time and dedication. The Ac'cents performers sing "Show Me The Way."

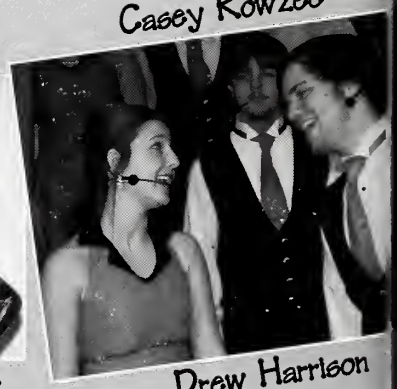
Singing "Will It Go Round in Circles," the Ac'cents spend a great deal of their time working on their coordination. In order for the group to look its best, they must perform each dance sychronized.

After working with Ac'cents for eight years, Vicki Blaylock has got it down to a science. Each year, the Ac'cents continue to entertain audiences during each of their performances.

Oh Girl

Holly Webb and Carmen Hardy

Casey Rowzee



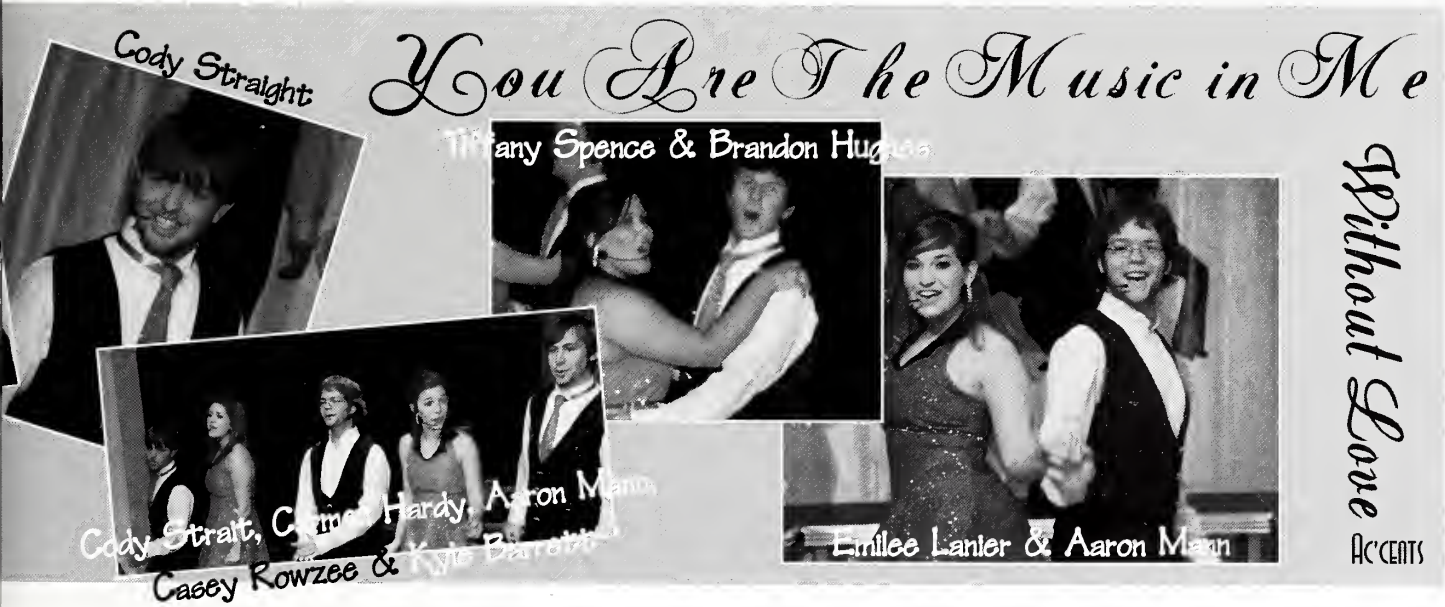
Drew Harrison

I Could Have Danced All Night

Ac'cents

The Ac'cents are a select group of students who sing and dance to choreographed partner and solo musical numbers. Tryouts are held in the Spring. The ensemble is directed by Vicki Blaylock and is composed of six males and six females. The Ac'cents perform for campus events, as well as for civic clubs and special events within the school's district throughout the year. Performances are stunning, with singing and dancing rolled into one.

Ac'cents members for 2008-2009: (back row, from left) Brandon Hughes, Tiffany Spence, Cody Straight, and Drew Harrison; (middle row, from left) Lane Fulton, Emilee Lanier, Carmen Hardy; (front row, from left) Kyle Barrett, Casey Rowzee, Aaron Mann, Holly Webb, and Erica Ervin. Sound techs are Logan McDonald and Kolby Sisson. Music Instructor Vicki Blaylock has directed the group for eight years.



It's Not My Time

Come On Over

Nathan Spears

Allison Rogers

So What!

Lana Adkins

Casey Stokes

Call My Name

Drew Harrison

The Collegians for 2008-2009:

Row 1: Dustin Gibbs, Drew Harrison, Nathan Spears, Brandon Hughes, Lana Adkins, Tiffany Spence, Allison Rogers, and Mikail Serio. Row 2: Graylon Foster, Ruby McCurdy, Chris Smith, and Christina Gibbs. Row 3: Logan McDonald, Cody Thrash, Kristina Harrison, Matt Moore, John David Bates, Emily Malone, Josh Talbert, Lacey Gilmore, Anthony Williams, Chris Corley, and Clay Winstead. Directed by Tom Carson.

After paying a tribute to Jimi Hendrix, the singers of the rock band take a final bow.

Leader of the Collegians, Tom Carson has lead the group for 27 years! Among playing the guitar for the band, he also plays harmonica.

Brandon Hughes

Lacey Gilmore

Emily Malone

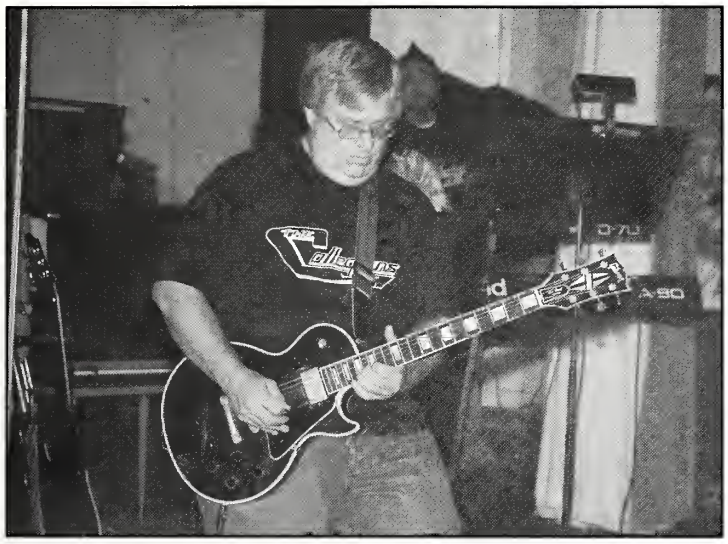
Believe In Me

Collegians

One of the most popular audience-appeal groups at East Central , the Collegians perform on campus each spring and fall. The group also takes advantage of off-campus appearance opportunities as well. Tryouts are held in the first weeks of school each fall. Led by Tom Carson, who also plays guitar along with his students in the band, the select vocal/instrumental group performs songs from all genres of top 40 music.

Adding a little more variety to the show, Collegian members performed *"Handlebars"* by Flowbots.

A life-time member of the Collegians and group director, Tom Carson shows his true passion for the guitar.



Singing backup for Nathan Spears, Tiffany Spence, Lana Adkins and Allison Rogers make up the women's section of the band.

Casey Stokes

Tiffany Spence

Drew Harrison, Nathan Spears and Brandon Hughes

Rhythm and Horn Section

Realize

No one would ever guess that Melanie Johnson, Racheal Day, and Briana Anderson were about to perform as they are all smiles prior to the performance.

In typical male fashion, Tabius Craft, Reggie Davis, Darius Walker and Van-Randolph stand strong while director, Brenda K. Johnson smiles proudly.

Ready to sing praise, Kellie Sullivan and Kelli Nixon stand and patiently wait to perform.

Gospel Choir

Traditionally an African-American Choir, under the leadership of Brenda K. Johnson, this choir is known for its spirited and uplifting gospel performances. The choir performs on campus each fall and spring semester as well many off-campus events throughout the year.

Row 1: Briana Edison, Racheal Day, Melanie Johnson, Brenda K. Johnson, director, Kelli Nixon, Kellie Sullivan, Santanna Wilson and Kamisha Patrick. Row 2: Dekia Crossley, Jessica Cager, Lakeisha Robinson, Van-Randolph Williams, Darius Walker, Keyshawn Harrison, Tynuth McN, Trynette McNeal, Miata Evans, Asia Tingle and Patrick Harvey. Row 3: Dana Savell, Gerlisa Rodriguez, Sharday Hornsby, Reggie Davis, Tabius Craft, Andrew Haynes, Jasmine Earby, Olivia Shaw and Janna Brown.

Anxious about their upcoming performance, Sharday Hornsby, Gerlisa Rodriguez, Dana Savell, Lakeshia Robinson, Jessica Cager and Dekia Crossley pose for a group shot before going to prepare.

Gospel music is in their blood. Not only do these women enjoy singing in EC's choir, but Olivia Shaw, Janna Brown, Miata Evans, Asia Tingle, Patricia Harvey, Santanna Wilson and Kamisha Patick also enjoy singing at their local churches.

All smiles in anticipation before the show, Casey Rowzee and Anna Laurie Ezelle goof off.

One of EC's celebrities, Natalie Emmon's piano skills and voice are widely known around the state and the nation.

Trying to score a few brownie points before the performance, Colton Amis attempts to butter up Choir Director Vicki Blaylock.

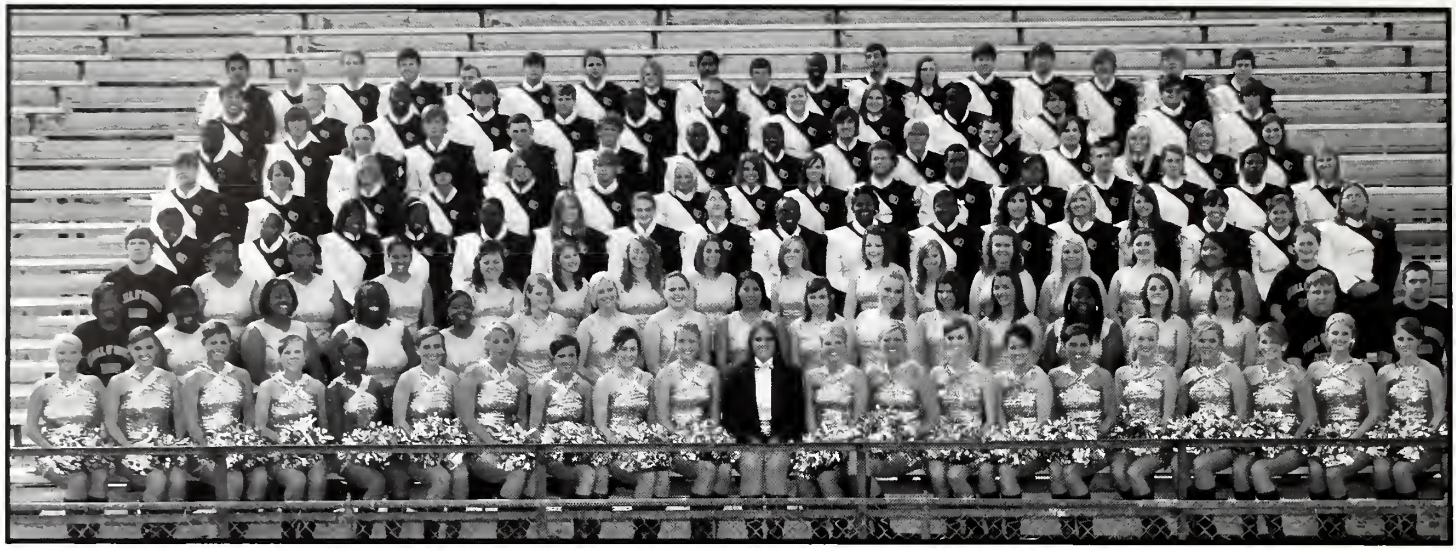
Concert Choir

East Central's concert choir, under the direction of Vicki Blaylock, performs four-part choral music of various styles and periods. The choir performs a fall and spring concert each year on campus and also attends the Mississippi Junior/Community College Choral Festival. Accompanist is Natalie Emmons.

Row 1: Vicki Blaylock, director, Nikki Sheely, Lacey Gilmore, Rachel Ramirez, McClain Mullins, [illegible] Chris Clark, [illegible] Stacy Henderson and Natalie Emmons, accompanist. Row 2: [illegible] Mullins, Brandon Hughes, [illegible] Mark Benson, Nicole Dunavant and Carmen Hardy. Row 3: Anna Laurie Ezelle, Tiffany Spence, [illegible] Austin Mann, [illegible] Colton Amis, [illegible] Taylor Foster, Emilee Lanier and Courtney James. Row 4: Casey Rowzee, [illegible] Drew Johnston. Row [illegible] Ayla Smith, Courtney G[illegible], Jessica [illegible] and [illegible]. Row 5: [illegible] Tonya [illegible] D.J. Townsend, Jordan Gunn, [illegible] and Jonathan [illegible].

Carefully watching the motions of their director, the choir sings in beautiful harmony.

Choir ensemble members featured in the 2008 EC holiday TV and radio commercial included: Tiffany Spence, Ronnie White, Casey Rowzee, Brandon Hughes, Ayla Stroud, D.J. Townsend, Carmen Hardy and Jordan Gunn.



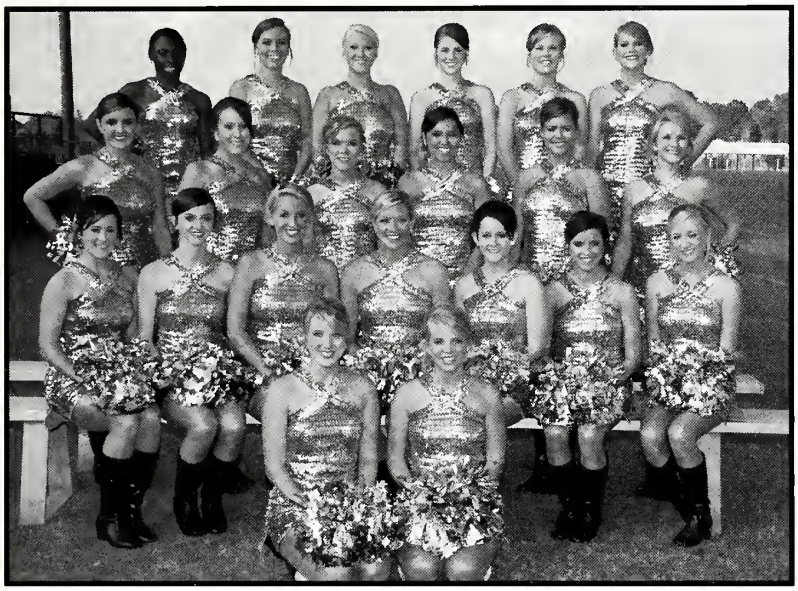
Wall O' Sound Marching Band for 2008-2009: (Front row, left) Savanna Smith, Lauren Luke, Bailey Brown, Hannah Watkins, Denetra Darden, Allison Lowery, Anna Johnson, Candi Vance, Brooke Culpepper, Tiffany Thomas, Ysabel Avalos, Lacy McMurray, Lana Adkins, Nicole Dunavant, Becky Culpepper, Amber Madison, Krystle Wolverton, Jessica Galloway, Brooke Robinson, Jacqueline Robinson, Anna Fulton, and Erica Dowell. (Second row, left) Amanda Hamoton Kimberly Amerson, Miata Evans, Racheal Day, Deandra Graham, Erin Goldmon, Wendy Cater, Celeste Franklin, Shea Williamson, Bandy Gomillion, Monika McMahan, Crystal Walker, Rachel Oatman, Kim Amerson, Brittany Snow, Jordan McMicheal, Josh Talbert, and Chris Corley. (Third row, left) Anthony Williams, Shaterica Curry, Brooke Caraway, Meagan Vaughn, Brittany Fedrick, Candi Wade, Candie Willis, Megan Sharp, Reaghan Mayes, Lee Hunt, Lindsey Donald, Alison Walker, Ashton Lowery, Allison Rogers, Beverly Stokes, Nicole Gray, and Nichole Franklin. (Fourth row, left) Shardea Foley, Marquitta Moore Jerica Taylor, Demetria Coleman, Conashya Headd, Jessica Cherry, Margie Black, Paula Parker, Jasmine Earby, Kristina Ealy, Julia Patrick, Rachel Ramirez, Marlee Deweese, Olivia Scott, Sallie Evans, Naomi Massey, and Brandi Tollett. (Fifth row, left) Chris Evans, Bobby Branning, Christina Gibbs, J.D. McNeil, Chris Smith, Graylon Foster, Ruby McCurdy, Jacklyn Billingsley, Whitney Bryan, Aaron Mann, Van Williams, Courtney Patrick, Matthew Moore, Stacy Henderson, Kevin Haynes, and Paige Jones. (Sixth row, left) Neil Smith, Griffin Burk, Leslie Graham, Drew Johnston, Patrick Parker, Corbin Jenkins, Fred Burks, Deandrea Boyd, Matt Woods, Matthew Long, Clay Winstead, Kristina Harrison, Lacey Gilmore, Meagan Mayes, and Emilee Lanier. (Seventh row, left) Kyle Barrett, Jonathan Crabtree, Dexter McDonald, Jon Hillman, Ellis Pinkard, Shunn Frazier, Brandon Gibbs, Lindsey Stuart, Mariah Barney, Dimario Parkes, Paul Edwards, Brett Latimer, and Hank Benson. (Top row, left) Javier Araujo, Cody Thrash, Dale Alberts, Brandon Hughes, Brittany Gibbs, John David Bates, Casey Stokes, Emily Malone, Julian Greer, Jacob Phillips, Teddy Bloodsaw, Travis Smallwood, Anna Switzer, Nathan Calvert, Doug Janz II Nathan Spears, Brewer McGee, and Justin Weathers.

EC Drumline for 2008-09 includes: (kneeling from left) Jacob Phillips, Justin Weathers, Nathan Spears, Julian Greer, Jonathan Crabtree, Travis Smallwood, Anna Switzer, Brewer McGee John David Bates, Nathan Calvert, Doug Janz, and Teddy Bloodsaw, (standing) Brittany Gibbs, Emily Malone, Cody Thrash Javier Araujo, Dale Alberts, Kyle Barrett, Casey Stokes, and Brandon Hughes.

Drum Major: Serving as drum major of the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band 2008-09 is freshman Ysabel Avalos of Morton.

Wall O' Sound Marching Band

The Wall O' Sound Band is made up of musicians, joined by the Color Guard, Centralettes, and Warrior Drumline. Together they perform during halftime shows at football games and at "Meet the Warriors." The band has previously been voted the top community college marching band in the state and never fails to keep the fans entertained.
This year, the band performed a mix of hard-driving music as they presented "Rock Show." The show included "Carry On My Wayward Son" by Kansas. The Centralettes performed to "Come on Feel the Noize" by Quiet Riot. The Drum Line rocked out to a Jared Brownlee arrangement of "The Moment" by Disturbed from the movie Transformers. Finally, the band concluded their show with a song made popular by Grand Funk Railroad "We are an American Band."



Providing halftime entrainment, Centralette dance line members include Tiffany Thomas, Lacy McMurray, Brooke Culpepper, Nicole Dunavant, Anna Johnson, Lana Adkins, Becky Culpepper, Candi Vance, Krystle Wolverton, Lauren Luke, Erica Dowell, Jessica Galloway, Amber Madison, Bailey Brown, Jacqueline Robinson, Denetra Darden, Alison Lowery, Savanna Smith, Anna Fulton, Hannah Watkins, and Brooke Robinson. Nichol Hillman serves as coordinator/choreographer.

EC Color Guard for 2008-2009 includes: (front row, from left) Crystal Walkers, Celeste Franklin, Tashia Williamson, Brandy Gomillion, and Wendy Cather; (second row, from left) Miata Evans, Candi Wade, Brittany Snow, Racheal Day, Erin Goldman, Diandra Graham, Rachel Oatman, Monica McMahan; (third row, from left) Ashley Broach, Beverly Stokes, Candie Willis, Meagan Vaughn, Brittany Fedrick, Megan Sharp, Reaghan Mayes, Allison Rogers, Ashton Lowery, Lindsey Donald; (fourth row, from left) Shaterica Curry, Kimberly Amerson, Kim Amerson, Brooke Caraway, Allison Walker, Nicole Gray, Lee Hunt.

"It was really exciting using the rifles during our performances this year. We never used them in high school and it was a lot of fun learning how."
-Candie Willis

"Dancing for Centralettes takes a lot of work and practice, but performing makes it all worth it."
-Kimberely Blackwell

"For me, playing percussion is a passion and I love playing the quads in the band; it's like second nature to me."
-Nathan Spears

Members of the trumpet and trombone section perform at halftime during Homecoming.

With ease from hours of practice, Jacob Phillips, Justin Weathers, and Nathan Spears play the quads.

Keeping in formation, the Wall O Sound Band is great entertainment for EC football games.

(Below) Performing to "Come on Feel the Noize," Centralettes Jacqueline Robinson, Anna Johnson, and Kimberly Blackwell show off their numerous hours of hard work.

One of most jazzy of all instruments, saxophones are the instrument of choice for Matt Woods, Fred Burks and Paige Jones.

Ready for a high kick, the Centralettes perform numerous kicks and other flexible stunts throughout their halftime show.

While high kicks and splits might be her usual routine, Hannah Watkins twirls the flags that the Centralettes added to the performance this year.

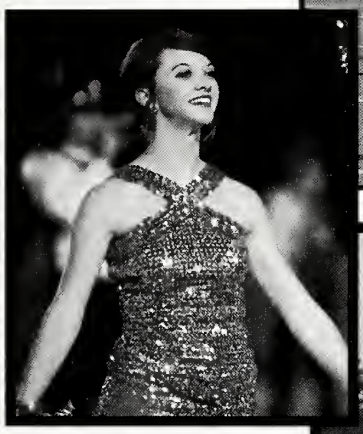
One of the few female tuba players, Mariah Barney, finds it an honor to be among the few.

While staying focused on the music, Chris Smith performs a beautiful number.

Part of the stationary percussion ensemble of the band, Emily Malone, Brandon Hughes, and Dale Alberts stay focused on the notes rather than marching.

With the ripple effect, the EC Color Guard performs on the hot Sept. day for Homecoming.

With a huge passion for music, Aaron Mann gets involved every way possible in the music department in preparation for his future.



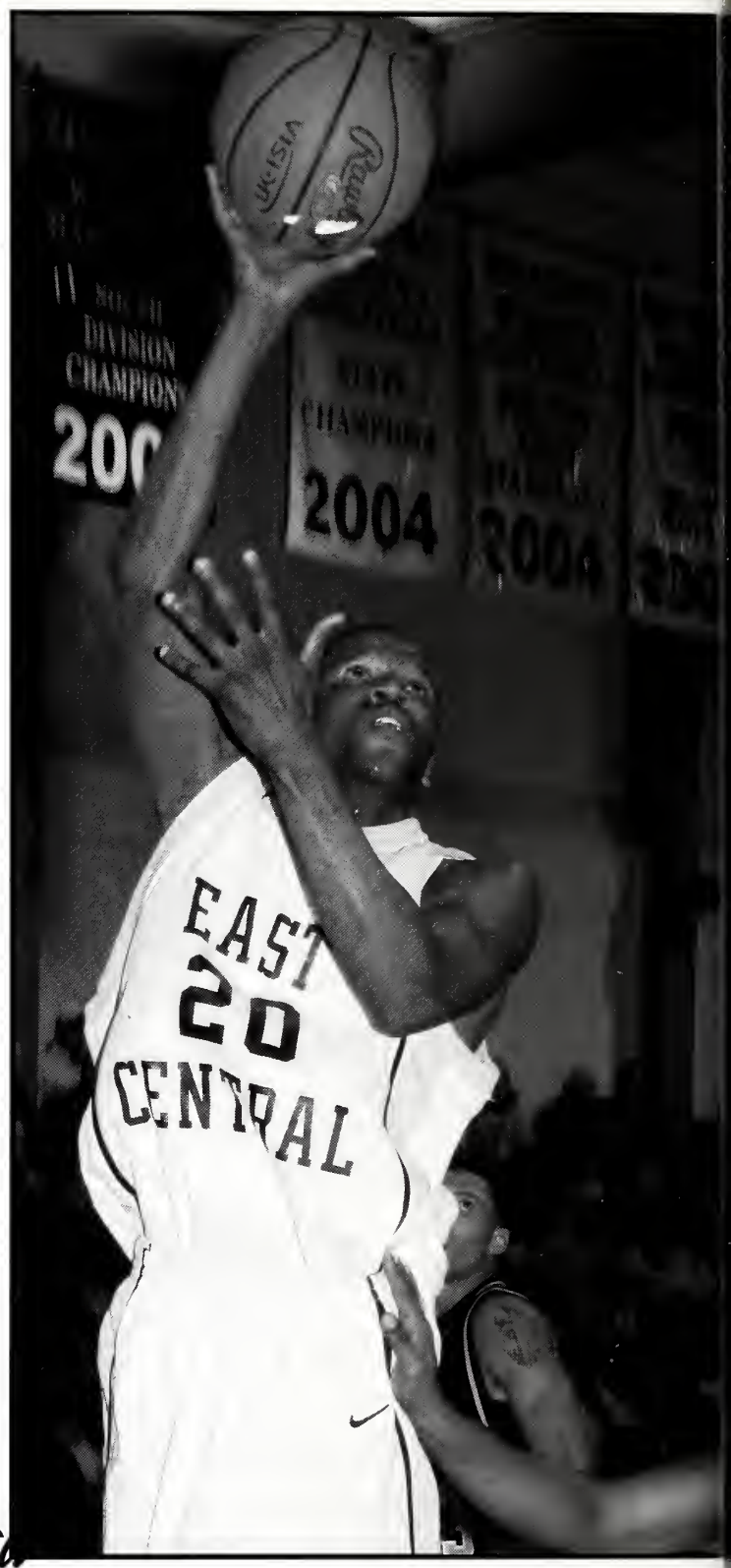
With a smile brighter than her Centralette uniform, Nicole Dunavent helps to light up the field during halftime shows.

The EC Drum Line is one of the most popular parts of the Wall O' Sound halftime show each year.

With flags of American pride, Kimberly Amerson keeps in sync with her other color guard members.

Sparkling and smiling, Jacqueline Robinson shows off her talents and hard work.

Action
Sports



Everyone on campus knows there is only one way to break up a day of long classes...attend one of EC's many sporting events. Whether it is a fall Thursday night on the football field or a winter night in the Brackeen-Wood gymnasium or even spring afternoon at the baseball or softball fields, there is always a sport to watch.

After a morning of English or college algebra, students love nothing more to go catch a game of soccer during the fall or tennis during the spring. There is something magical about the atmosphere of a Warrior football game and nothing beats the smell of the gloves and grass at a baseball or softball game in the spring. Whatever sport a student chooses to attend or participate in, he or she is sure to enjoy a wonderful experience of college life that cannot be compared to any other. The players learn teamwork and determination and fans understand good sportsmanship and team spirit. Go Warriors!

-Kylie Rigdon

Ten People who...Work Hard

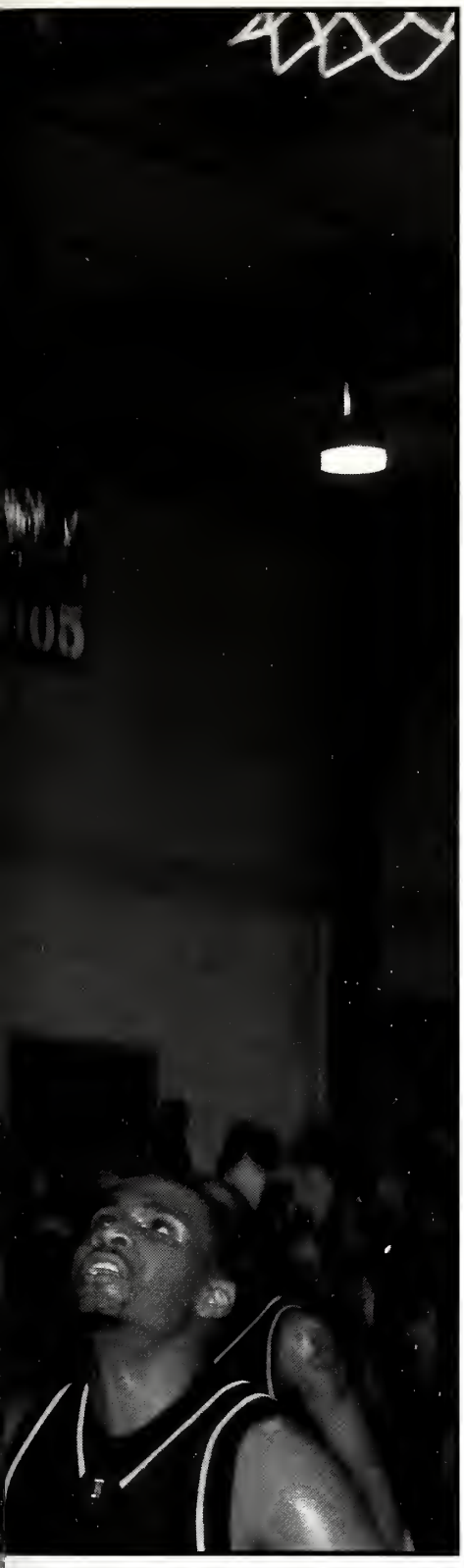
Kacy Covert, Cheerleading

Josh Lewis, Football

Megan Munn, Women's Soccer

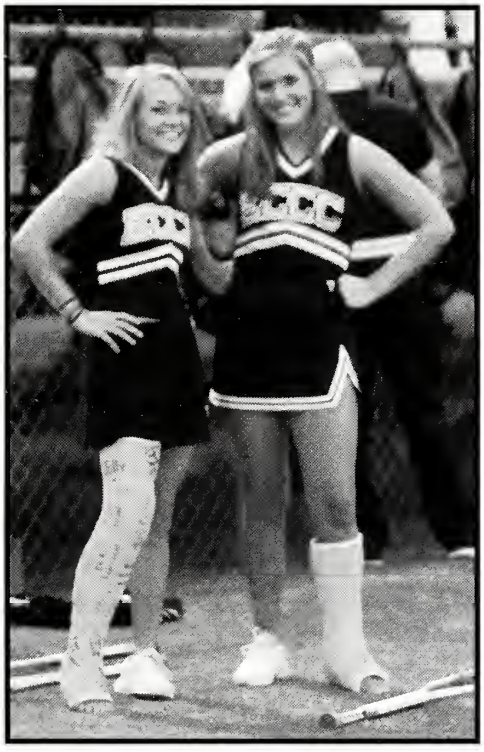
Justin Traylor, Men's Soccer

Allen Cheek, Baseball



Going up for a lay-up, sophomore Warrior James Starks of Meridian nets two points against the East Mississippi Lions during their game on Nov. 6 at Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium.

Showing her ability to lead the Lady Warriors, sophomore Mystee Dale of Philadelphia sets up the next play against the East Mississippi Community College Lady Lions.



Ten-year head coach Kenneth Thompson peps the Lady Warrior Soccer squad during halftime of their game against Jones County Junior College on the Decatur field.

Broken bones may take some players out the game, but cheerleaders Juley Taylor and Emily Thrash did not let their injuries from cheering their team on.

and Play Harder.

Hannah Lee,
Women's Basketball

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Men's Basketball

Whitnee White,
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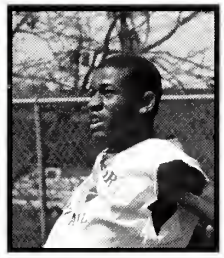
Julie Gaines,
Women's Tennis



Lorenzo Jones,
Men's Tennis

The Longest Yard

Warrior Football

The Warriors completed their first season under the helm of first-year head coach Steve Cheatham with a successful ending, capping the season off with a 4-5 overall record and 3-3 in division play. The Warriors struggled the first half of the season to work as a team and seal the victories, but completed the season on a high note. They kicked off their 2008 schedule against the Coahoma Tigers. As Homecoming approached, They received their first victory of the season due to forfeit of Hinds Community College for an ineligible player. Unfortunately the momentum of the Hinds victory did not carry over into the Warriors homecoming game against Southwest Mississippi Community College as they failed to secure a victory. However, the Warriors' spirit survived and showed through when they won their first on-field victory against Northeast Mississippi Community College. East Central went into overtime against Copiah-Lincoln Community College and found the end zone on its eighth play and found a victory at their home finale. Although the Warriors' victory over Co-Lin fired up the Warriors, they fell short against Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. However, the Warriors finished in glory as Maurice Langston's 10-yard burst through Pearl River Community College's top- rated defense provided Warriors with a stunning 44-38 double-overtime victory over the playoff-bound Wildcats. This season, EC Warriors proved that early loses can lead to late season wins.

Leading the Warriors onto the field, sophomore players Randy Carter (39) and Duke Jones (25) are ready to play on their home turf.

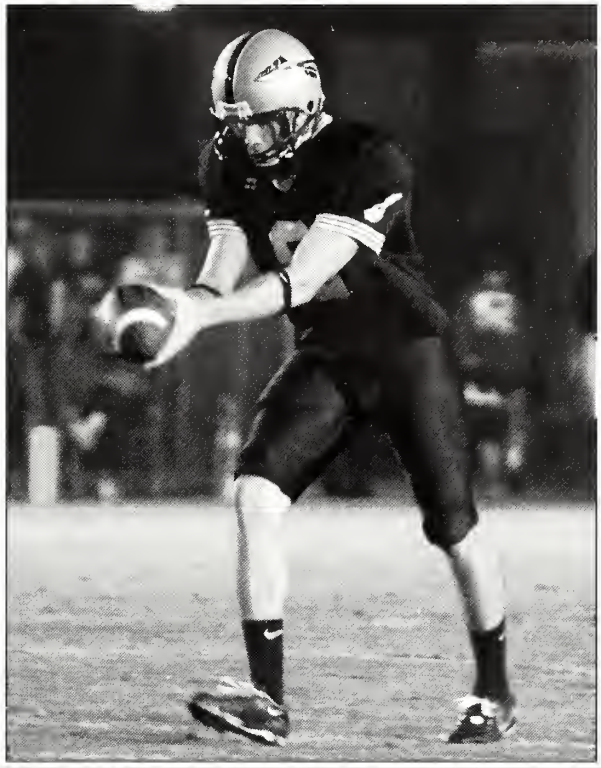
Aug. 28	Coahoma	Away	47-31 L
Sept. 4	Holmes	Home	37-21 L
Sept. 11	Hinds	Home	35-21 W by forfeit
Sept. 18	Jones	Away	42-35 L
Sept. 27	Southwest	Home	20-9 L
Oct. 2	Northeast	Away	38-7 W
Oct. 11	Gulfcoast	Away	35-35 L
Oct. 16	Colin	Home	35-28 OT W
Oct. 23	Pearl River	Away	44-38 DOT W

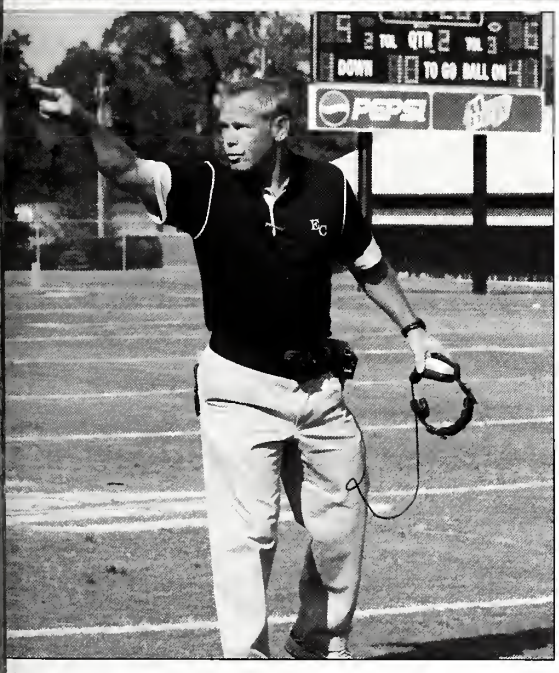
Season Record 4-5

Freshman Zerrick Houston (21) tackles a Holmes Community Co opponent (3) with assistance from sophomore Jasen Fairley (96

Taking a break on the bench, Anthony McDonald (44), Guy Holden (35), Clint Coleman (13), Jarvis Wilson (34) and Demario Eichelberger (36) plan their next plays against their opponent.

With his longest punting effort at 55 yards, the very modest Derek Crenshaw (8) has plenty to brag about. Not only did he lead the state in punting with a 49.9-yard average on 29 attempts, but he also tied for second in the state among kickers with 47 points.

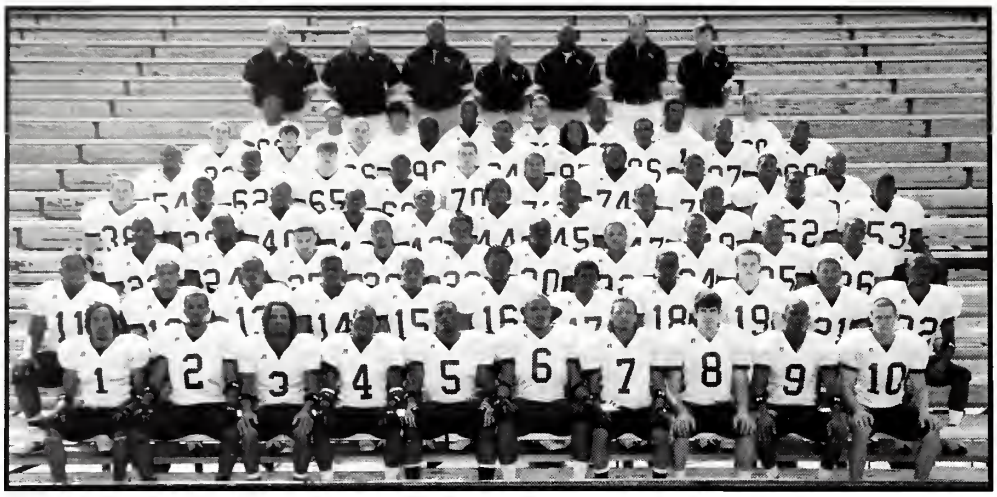




aking the position of being a first-year head coach look easy, Steve eatham led the Warriors to a 4-5 season, finishing with a double thriller against nationally-ranked Pearl River Community College. and his assistants were selected to coach the South Squad, due the Warriors' third-place finish in the MACJC South Division.

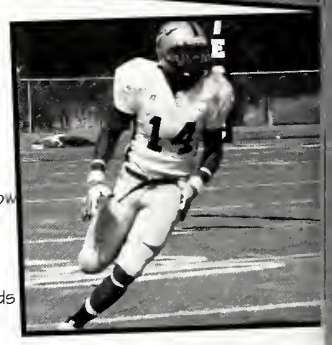
All-Star Player Maurice Langston #1

Hometown: Meridian
High School: Northeast Lauderdale
High School position: Quarterback
Best Record: 1,900 passing yards, 1,200 rushing yards his high school senior year
Pre-game secrets: "I wear lucky shorts the night before the game."
Best love of the game: "Just being able to play the game."
Favorite NFL team: Baltimore Ravens
What keeps you focused?: "My two-year old daughter, Alannah Langston."

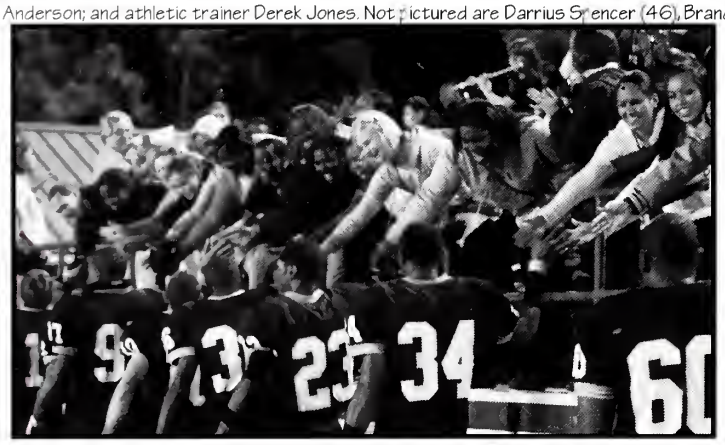


Members of the 2008 Warrior football team include: (front row, from left) Maurice Langston (1), Bruce Williams (2), Jarvis Wilson (3), Kendrick May (4), Courtney Shelton (5), Vonzell Jackson (6), Lamar Truman (7), Derek Crenshaw (8), Emmanuel Taylor (9), and Dustin Alley (10); (second row from left) Josh Williams (11), C.J. Estelle (12), Clint Coleman (13), Donovan Tate (14), Quadarius Wallace (15), Josh Lewis (16), Antonio Ricks (17), Kylanski Hunter (18), Tyler McNeil (19), Zerrick Houston (21), and Ken Robinson (22); (third row, from left) Antonio Hughes (23), Brad Ellis (24), Duke Hudnall (25), Ken Griffin (26), Preston Felder (28), Derrick Cade (30), Marcus Travis (32), Elijah Tanksley (34), Guy Holden (35), and Demario Eichelberger (36); (fourth row, from left) Chris Watson (38), Randy Carter (39), Harvey Brown (40), Rashad Horne (42), Quan Richards (43), Anthony McDonald (44), Jeremy Dillon (45), Damarcus Lewis (47), Kindrick Lyons (48), Quintin Scott (52) and Terry Sparkman (53); (fifth row, from left) Chuckie Curry (54), Damion Young (62), Justin Moore (65), Robert Gaston (66), Jarred Flemming (70), Matthew Lewis (71), Kieandre Jones (74), Lorenzo Hollis (75), Tevin Houston (80) and Radarius Owens (81); (sixth row, from left) Zach Jay (83), Will McBeth (84), Andrew Perkins (86), James Brown (90), Percy Calloway (94), Anthony McMillian (95), Jasen Fairley (96), Cedric Hall (97) and Jeremy Johnson (99); (seventh row, from left) managers: Roosevelt Cunningham, Zach Evans, Michael Duncan, Lamarrius Childress, Corey Kelly, L.A. Jones, Canvies Triplett and Hailey Moody; and (back row, from left) coaches: Kyle Watson, Derek Pouncey, Fredrick Lyons, Steve Cheatham James Miller and Brian Anderson; and athletic trainer Derek Jones. Not pictured are Darrius Spencer (46), Brandon Tarriol (82) and manager Jared Holloway.

In formation for the play, Jason Fairley (96) and Vonzell Jackson (6) stare their opponents in the eye.



Keeping his eye on the ball and hi mind in the game, Donovan Tat (14) prepares to make a catc



Fans congratulate the team for their double overtime victory against Pearl River Community College.

Lamar Truman of Meridian is assessed by trainer Derrick Jones.

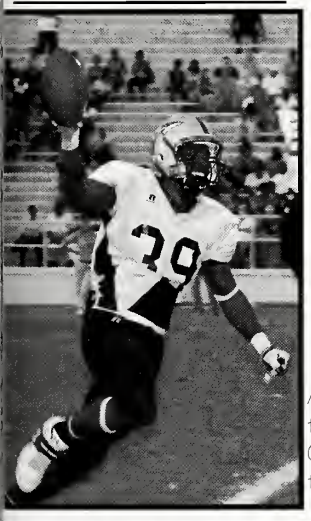
Taking a breather between plays, Jeremy Dillon (45) and Jason Fairley (96) watch their Warriors.

Preparing for the next drive, Coach Steve Cheatham gives the team a pep talk.

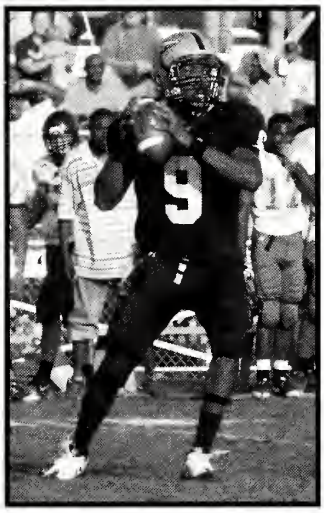
Tackling the Holmes Community College runner, East Central defensive end Josh Lewis (16) aides his team.

peeding around a defender, Maurice angston (1) gains valuable yards for he Warriors.

Leading the football team for the 2008 campaign are coaches (kneeling from left) Brian Anderson, offensive coordinator; Steve Cheatham, head coach; and James Miller, assistant head coach/defensive coordinator; and (standing from left) Kyle Watson, offensive line/special teams; Derek Pouncey, wide receivers; and Fredrick Lyons, defensive line. Also pictured is athletic trainer Derrick Jones.

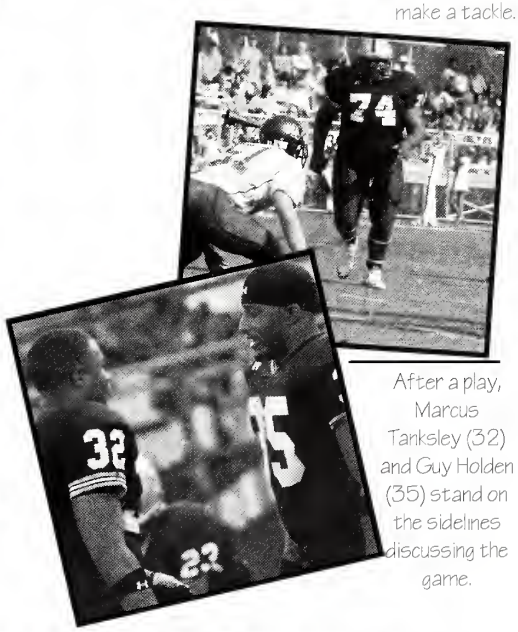


After running the ball to a touchdown, Randy Carter (39) celebrates the score.



Spotting an opening, Emmanuel Taylor (9) goes for a pass to a fellow Warrior player.

Running towards the opponent, Kieandre Jones (74) prepares to make a tackle.



After a play, Marcus Tanksley (32) and Guy Holden (35) stand on the sidelines discussing the game.

Giving advice to an upcoming star, Josh Lewis (16) discusses the play with Brady Anderson, son of Coach Brian Anderson .

Catching his breath, Anthony McDonald (44) rests a bit between plays.

The Big Green

Men's Soccer

Although the men's soccer season was not what Coach Kenneth Thompson, the team, and fans hoped for, no one ever showed a sign of defeat. The EC soccer Warriors finished 4-11-2 overall and 2-7-1 in division play. One of the victories includes a forfeit from Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

"The men had an up-and-down season with many competitive games and some exciting finishes," Thompson said. "They played hard in every match and showed how capable of outstanding play they could be in the final match. Even with the mixed bag of results, the men's season was exciting from beginning to end."

Thompson said he was especially pleased with his team's defensive performance.

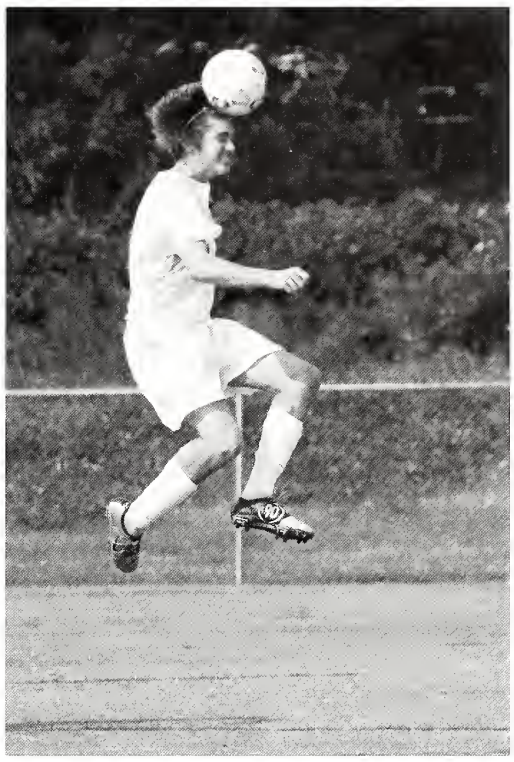
"Part of the key to the more successful play this season was the overall improvement of the team's defensive play, with particular improved play from sophomore keeper Mat Turner of Mendenhall," Thompson said. "Mat had some outstanding games with many great saves that kept us in the game."

~Lindsey Donald

Keeping the fighting spirit alive, Dwayne Furline (1) kicks the ball from under his opponent's feet.

Right: Warrior Bass Price (8) of Neshoba Central attempts a backwards kick during a match against Jones County Junior College. Also pictured is Christian Craft (9) of Richland.

Kicking the ball in, Cameron Lesley (21), a transfer from Meridian Community College, prepares to pass the ball to teammate Patrick Creel (16).



One of the few body parts available for use in soccer, the head is Christian Craft's (9) choice for this play.

head of his Jones County Junior College opponent, Cooper Jordan (11) drives the ball to the goal.

Going head to head with his JCJC opponent, Justin Traylor (22) rushes to recover the ball.

Men's Soccer

Row 1: McClain Mullins, Dwayne Furline, Alex Galistel, Webb Compton, Nathan Rowell, Bass Price, Christian Craft and Demetri Uhl. Row 2: Sara Williams, Jeff Grimshel, Sam Wilson, Cooper Jordan, Steven Stanley, Jerrid Hickman, Taylor Booker, Patrick Creel and Jared Mullins. Row 3: Paul Sewell, Hunter Wyrick, Dustin Tucker, Zach Pillsbury, Cameron Lesley, Justin Traylor, Matt Turner, Coach Kenneth Thompson.

ECCC Men's Soccer Scoreboard

EC vs. East Miss.	0-0 Dbl. OT
EC vs. Northeast	1-4 L
EC vs. Itawamba	0-9 L
EC vs. Co-Lin	1-0 W forfeit
EC vs. Jones	0-2 L
EC vs. Gulf Coast	0-7 L
EC vs. Holmes	3-2 W Dbl. OT
EC vs. Pearl River	0-6 L
EC vs. Itawamba	0-6 L
EC vs. East Miss.	2-3 L
EC vs. Southwest	3-3 Dbl. OT
EC vs. Co-Lin	0-1 L
EC vs. Jones	0-9 L
EC vs. Gulf Coast	0-6 L
EC vs. Southwest	2-5 L
EC vs. Pearl River	3-1 W

After stealing the ball from his opponent, Cooper Jordan looks to teammate Taylor Booker for backup.

With the ball in his possession, Christian Craft drives the ball down the field.

Keeping the ball away from his Pearl River Community College opponent, Patrick Creel looks for an open East Central teammate.

Women's Soccer

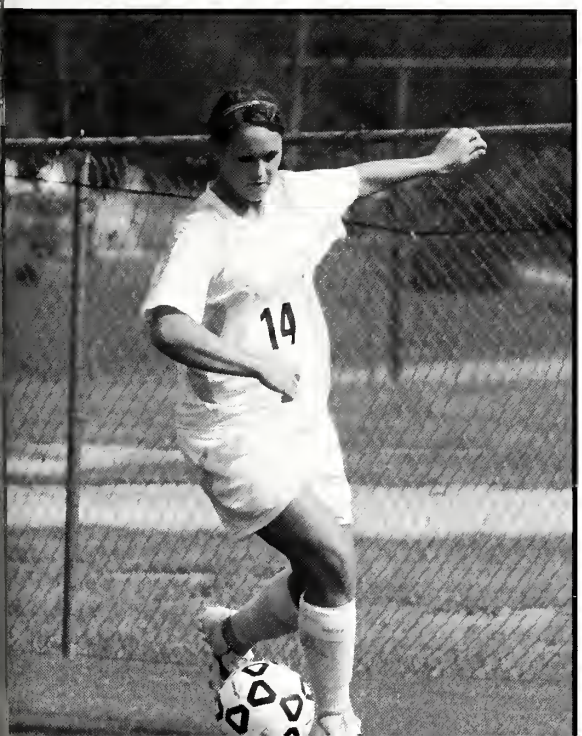
Row 1: Demetri Uhl, Kacy Covert, Megan Munn, Juley Taylor, Alaina Fairchild, Marcia Guerreiro, Danielle Stafford and Jeff Grimshel. Row 2: Sara Williams, McClain Mullins, Liz Withers, Lisa Tubby, Sara Costello, Shan Seales, Jessica Kilpatrick and Jared Mullins. Row 3: Sidney Gutierrez, Kristin Pillsbury, Calli Cumberland, Jesse Kemp, Shandahl Hickmon, Catalina Tarazona and Coach Kenneth Thompson.

ECCC Women's Soccer Scoreboard

EC vs East MS 1-3 L
EC vs Northwest 0-4 L
EC vs Itawamba 1-10 L
EC vs Co-Lin 0-4 L
EC vs Jones 0-3 L
EC vs MS Gulf Coast 0-9 L
EC vs Pearl River 0-10 L
EC vs Itawamba 0-11 L
EC vs East MS 1-1 Double OT
EC vs Southwest 0-4 L
EC vs Co-Lin 0-2 L
EC vs Jones 1-11 L
EC vs MS Gulf Coast 0-9 L
EC vs Southwest 0-3 L
EC vs Pearl River 1-6 L

Staying focused, Calli Cumberland steals the ball out from under her opponent.

Preparing to for a shot, Kristen Pillsbury winds up to kick the ball to her waiting teammate.



Attempting to keep the ball away from her opponent, Megan Munn turns her back and runs towards her goal.

GRACIE
Women's Soccer

Concluding the season with a record of 2- 12- 1, the Lady Warriors were not exactly pleased, but what their record does not show is the hard work, time, and incredible heart of the team. With many freshman players up and ready to learn from the sophomores, the team had a wonderfully diverse mix of talent.

The two Lady Warrior victories came from forfeits by Copiah-Lincoln Community College. However, the lack of wins did not keep the team from trying their hardest. Coach Thompson said, "They worked hard until the last minute of each game and continued to show improvement through the entire season.

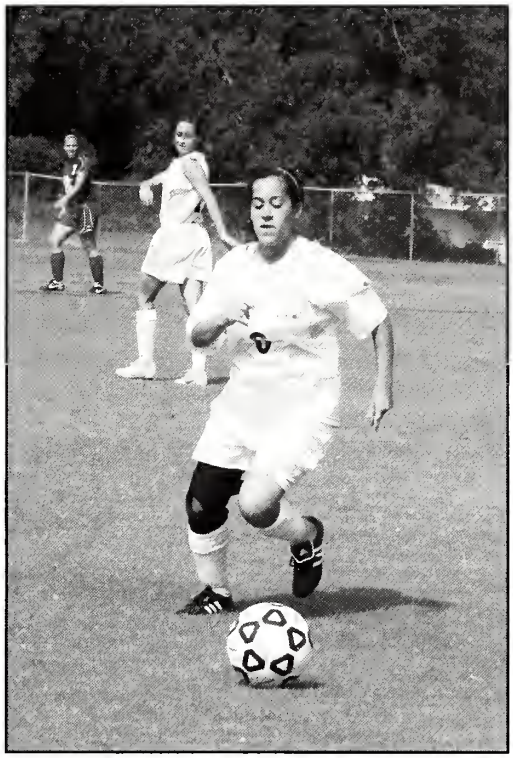
Coach Thompson looks forward to seeing eight to nine returning players to aid the many in-district, state-wide, and possible out-of-state players who will join the team in 2009.

~Kylie Rigdon

Keeping her eye on the ball, Catalina Tarazona (goalie) prepares to block the opponent's ball.

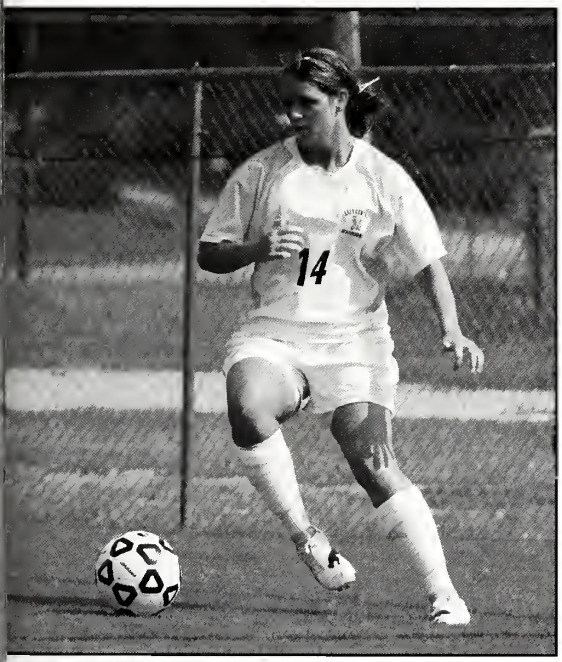
Running to catch up with her Jones County Junior College opponent, Lisa Tubby (9) hurries to steal the ball.

Keeping the ball from JCJC, Megan Munn (3) runs around her opponent.



With the clock ticking, Marcia Guerreiro (6) runs the ball down the field.

Using her incredible leg muscles, Kasey Covert (2) kicks the ball to her teammates.



fter a goal, Kristen Pillsbury (14) gets ready to kick the ll to her teammates.

Coach Carter

Men's Basketball

The Warriors completed their 2007-08 season 11-13 overall and 6-8 in the MACJC South Division under coach Maurice Bowie. EC and Southwest tied for fifth place in division competition. Josh Luckett, a 6-5 guard/forward from Carthage led the Warriors during the 2007-08 season with 13 points per game and made 59 percent of his shots. Devarus "Scooter" Walker, a 6-1 guard from Newton County High School, followed Luckett in points finishing with 12 points per game and shot 39 percent from the three-point line.

With new additions to the coaching staff and high hopes of a winning season, third-year head coach Bowie took to the court for the 2008-09 campaign. Prior to the beginning of the season, Bowie was optimistic.

"It's not often that you sign every kid you recruit, but we are truly fortunate to have done so this year," said Bowie, a former ECCC basketball standout.

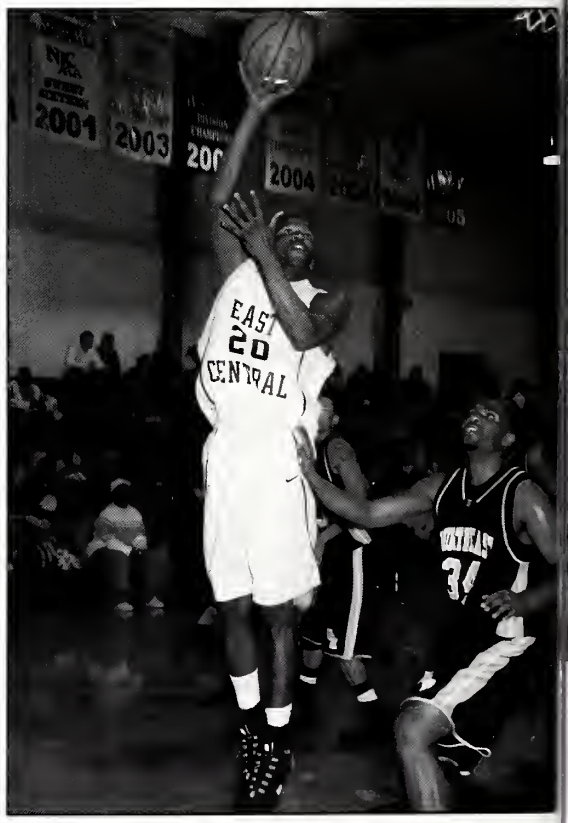
"When I put the team together, I gave us depth at every position and with depth brings about competition, and that's what makes you a great team – getting after one another in practice every day."

Leading scorer for the season was sophomore Luckett, again followed by Walker. Also leading the Warriors in scoring was Rico Jones, a 6-3 guard also from Forest. Leading the Warriors in rebounds for the 2008-09 season were Luckett, freshman Kenneth Barlow, 6-5 guard from Scott Central, and sophomore Rod Lofton, a 6-1 guard of Forest.

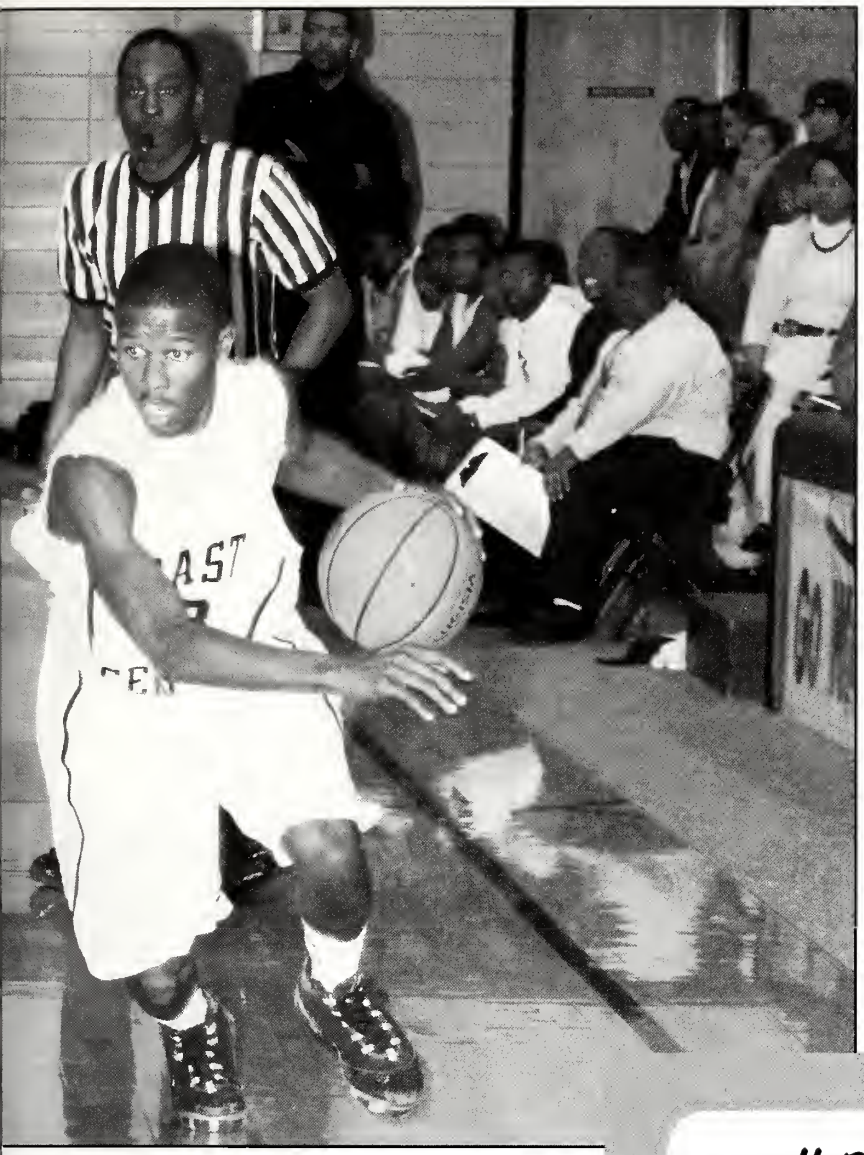
Cornelius Gilleylen served his first year as Bowie's assistant. An Amory native, Gilleylen twice received "Defensive Player of the Year" honors and was ranked 14th in the nation in steals in 2006-07 at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

Also assisting the Warriors were William Flowers, manager and Darius Walker, student assistant coach.

Driving the ball down court, Jacob Jordan moves smoothly in front of his East Mississippi Community College opponent.

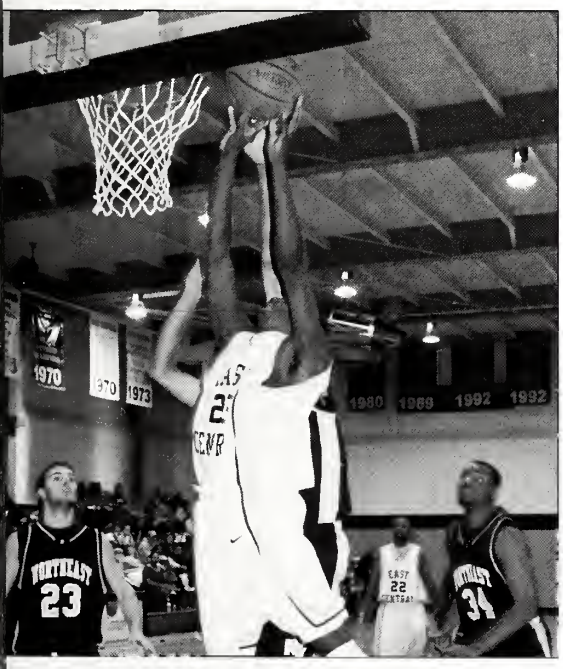


Flying high, James Starks (20) goes for the lay-up against Northeast Miss. Community College.



In a heated match up against Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Scooter Walker (3) dribbles around a bulldog defender (15).

Going for a three-pointer, Jacob Martin (54) bypasses his Northeast Mississippi opponent.



Showing his skills, Rod Lofton (22) attempts to score before the Northeast Miss. Community College Tigers can block the shot.

#23 Josh Luckett

Hometown: Carthage
High School: Carthage High School
High School Position: Point Guard
Best Record: 28 points, 12 rebounds
Pre-Game Secrets: Say a prayer and focus on what I can do to help my team win.
Best Love of the Game: The opportunity to play and compete at a high level.
Favorite NBA Player: Tracy McGrady, Houston Rockets
What Keeps You Focused: My grandmother, Katherine Gardner of Carthage

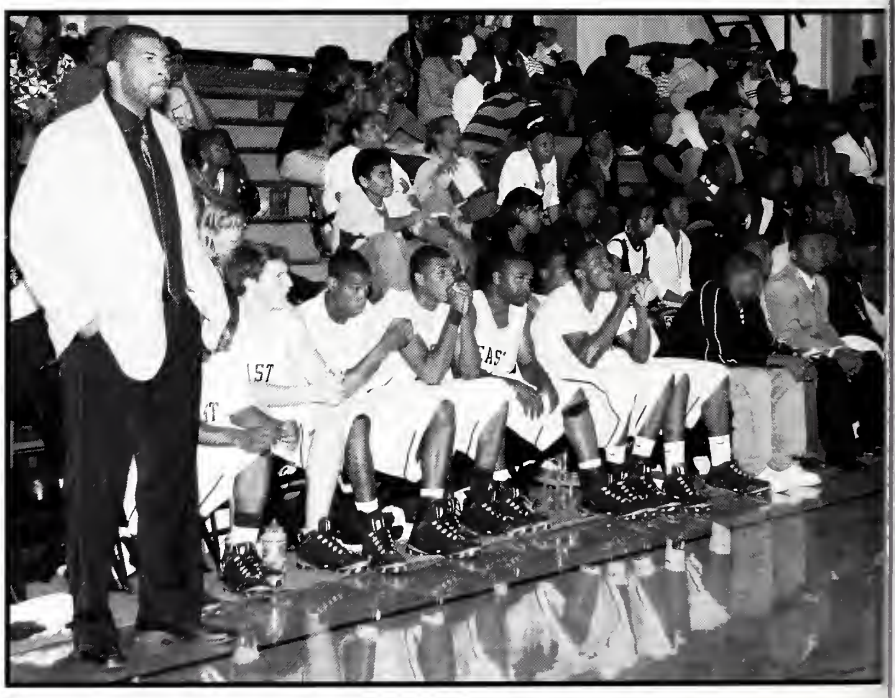
Men's Basketball

The Warrior Basketball team for the 2008-2009 season includes: (seated from left) Devarus "Scooter" Walker, Asmar Capers, Rico Jones, Antonio Grace, James Starks, Jacob Jordan, Rod Lofton and Josh Luckett, and (standing from left) Cornelius Gilleylen, assistant coach; Darius Walker, student assistant; Andre Pitchford, Kenny Thomas, Joseph Thompson, Steve Edwards, Chucky Curry and Maurice Bowie, head coach. Not pictured are Jacob Martin and student assistant William Flowers.

Going for the lay up, James Sparks (20) and his teammate, Andre Pitchford (25) watch as the ball gets closer to the basket.

Trying to add every inch he can to his leap, Chuck Curry (44) attempts to make the score without letting his Southwest Community College opponent hinder his shot.

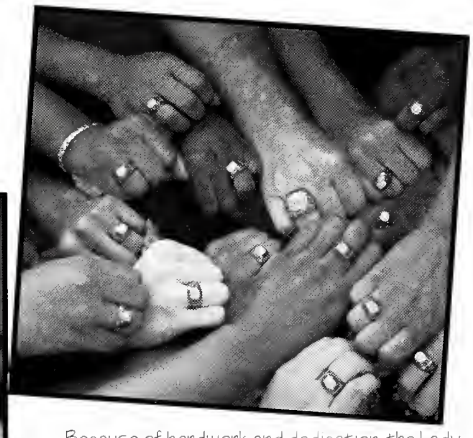
Fourth-year head coach Maurice Bowie plans his next strategy for the Warriors on the court.



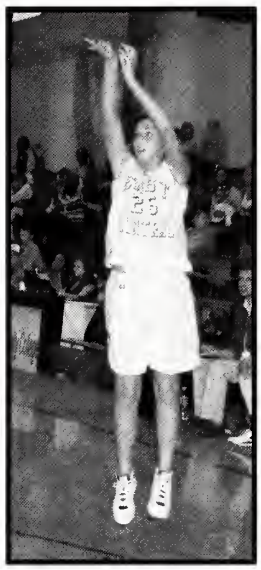
Women's Basketball

The Lady Warrior Basketball team for the 2008-2009 season includes: (first row, from left) student assistants Kanisha Wamsley, Courtney James, Precious Triplett and Michaela Lee; (second row, from left) Deshouri Spates, Yolanda Jones, Sha Coleman, Rashima Jenkins, Allison Phillips, Lanie Triplett and Mystee Dale; and (standing from left) Kristin Chaney, assistant coach; Sierra Croft, Alisha McAfee, Danielle Cole, Hannah Lee, Alisha Griffin, Katherine Taylor and Bill Smith, head coach. Not pictured are student assistant William Flowers and statistician Candy Wade.

After years of experience, Coach Bill Smith has learned how to be commanding and supportive on the court's sidelines.

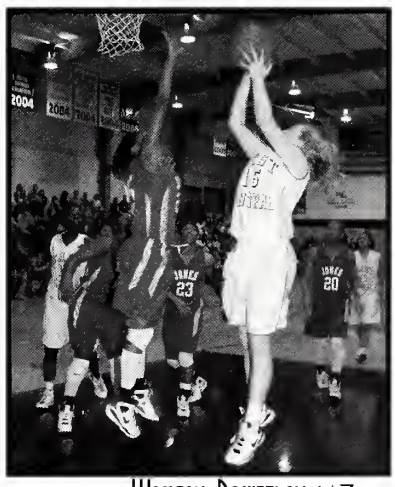


Because of hardwork and dedication, the Lady Warriors became the 2008 Region 23 Champions and proudly show of thier new jewels.



Flying high, Hannah Lee goes for a three-point shot.

Flying past her Southwest Miss. Community College opponent, Katherine Taylor goes in for a lay up.



Attempting to bypass her Jones County Junior College opponent, Allison "Moon Pie" Phillips goes up for a shot.

Double Teamed

Women's Basketball

Sportsmanship at EC is knowing it is just a game, yet putting your best effort forward. Whether we win or lose, we always give 100 percent. Yet, with this theory of play brings championships such as that of the 2007-08 Lady Warriors team.

The Lady Warriors claimed the 2008 Region 23 Championship title following their 67-62 victory against Holmes Community College. While competing for the Region 23 title, EC posted wins against Southwest (81-72) and Itawamba (75-59) prior to defeating the Lady Bulldogs for the region title. The Lady Warriors under head coach Bill Smith, advanced to the 2008 NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship held at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kansas, where they were outscored 89-75 by Shelton State Community College and 74-48 to Southeastern Illinois Community College in the double-elimination tournament. The Lady Warriors finished the 2007-08 season 22-8.

Taking the court for the 2008-09 season as the defending Region 23 champs, the Lady Warriors had a prestigious title at stake. They fought each game throughout the season in hopes of a repeat title and an opportunity to advance to national competition.

Leading scorers for the season included sophomore Mystee Dale, a 5-8 guard and former Choctaw Central High School standout.5-9 sophomore forward Rashima Jenkins, a product of Airline High School in Bossier City, La., and freshman Hannah Lee of Philadelphia, a 5-11 forward and former Leake Academy standout. Dale, Jenkins and sophomore forward Allison Phillips, a 5-8 product of Leake Academy, led the Lady Warriors in rebounds.

During the season, fourth-year head coach Smith celebrated his 500th career victory with a win against Jones on Jan. 26, 2009. Coach Smith was assisted by first-year assistant coach Kristin Chaney, who is recognized as the College's only two-sport NJCAA All-American. Student assistants for the Lady Warriors were: Bill Flowers, Michaela Lee, Courtney James, Candi Wade, Precious Triplett and Kanisha Warnsley.

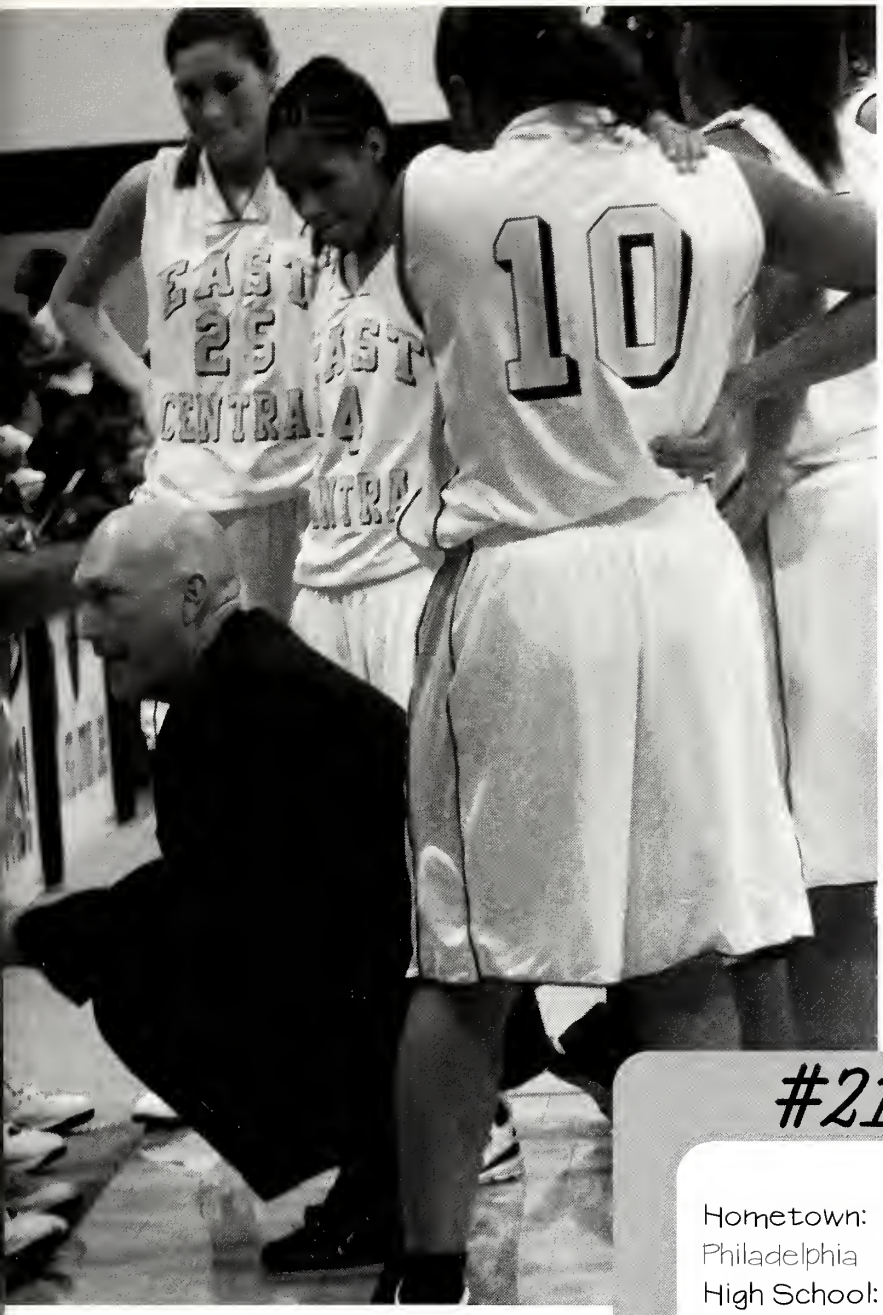
~Leslie Crawfordd

Fourth-year head co

Finding a break in the Jones County Junior College defense, Deshouri Spates goes up for the shot.

Even on the bench, the Lady Warriors stay focused on the game.

Hustling for the ball, Hannah Lee attempts to keep the ball away from her opponent.



mith talks strategy with his players during a time-out.

Going for the lay-up, Alisha McAfee leaves her JCJC opponent in the dust.

#21 Mystee Dale

Hometown: Philadelphia
High School: Choctaw Central High School
Best opponent: Nodasha Strickland
Best Record: 30-2 at CCHS
Best Love of the Game: I love the intensity of the game.
Favorite NBA/WNBA Player: Chris Paul and Sue Byrd
What Keeps You Focused: My family and my teammates.

Keeping up the pace , Sierra Croft plays defense in anticipation of her opponent's next move.

Fall Athletic Banquet

Football Team Awards

Sitting from left: Derek Crenshaw, Academic Award, First Team All-State and All-Star; Randy Carter, Most Valuable Linebacker and All-Star; Josh Lewis, Most Valuable Defensive Lineman, Second Team All-State and All-Star; and Maurice Langston, Most Valuable Player, Most Valuable Offensive Back, Most Valuable Special Teams Member, All-Region 23, First Team All-State, Most Valuable Offensive Back in MACJC South Division. Standing from left: Lamar Truman, "Mr. Clutch" and Alll-Star; Kendrick May, Most Valuable Wide Receiver, Second Team All-State and All-Star; Justin Moore, Most Valuable Offensive Lineman, First Team All-State and All-Star; and Vonzell Jackson, Team Captain. Not Pictured: Cedric Hall, Team Captain and All-Star; and Harvey Brown, "Head Hunter" Award and All-Star.

ECCC Football All-Stars

Sitting from left: Derek Crenshaw, Randy Carter and Josh Lewis. Standing from left: Kendrick May, Clint Coleman and Justin Moore. Not Pictured: Dustin Alley, Anthony McDonald, Harvey Brown, Cedric Hall and Josh Williams..

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Men's Soccer Team Awards

Sitting from left: Sam Wilson, Most Valuable Player, Team Captain and Honorable Mention All-State; Justin Traylor, Team Captain, Academic Award, Warrior Award and Honorable Mention All-State; and Patrick Creel, Best Offense and Honorable Mention All-State. Standing from left: Dwayne Furline, Most Improved; Mat Turner, Best Defense, Most Valuable Player and Honorable Mention All-State; and Cameron Lesley, Hustle Award.

Women's Soccer Team Awards

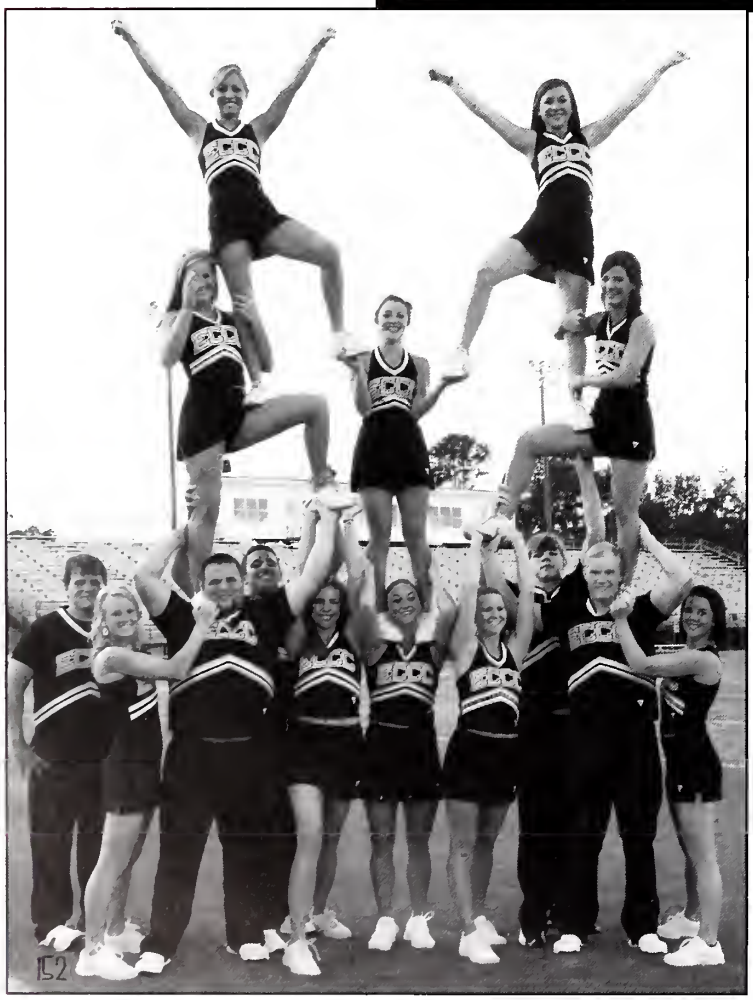
From left: Lisa Tubby, Hustle Award; Kacy Covert, Most Valuable Player, Team Captain, Best Defense, Warrior Award and Honorable Mention All-State; Megan Munn, Academic Award and Best Offense; and Cali Cumberland, Most Improved.

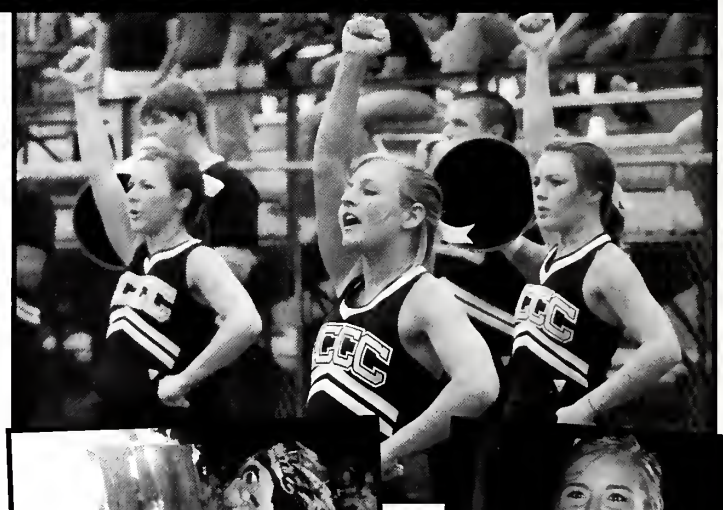
Cheerleader Team Awards

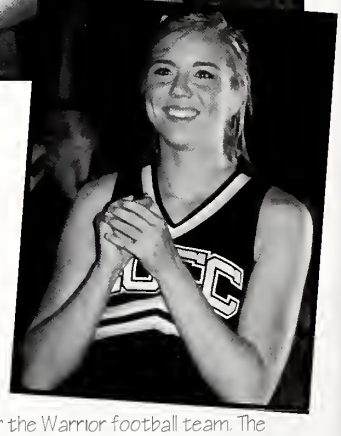
Sitting from left: Kacy Covert, Tumble Award; Emily Thrash, Academic Award, Team Captain and Warrior Award; Dekota Anthony, Most Outstanding Sophomore; and Kayla Adcock, Most Improved. Standing from left: Juley Taylor, Warrior Award; Kolby Sisson, Team Captain; Daniel Steverson, Team Captain; Will Emmons, NCA Rookie of the Year; and Anna Munn, Team Captain. Not Pictured: Randy Carl Arledge, Best All-Around.

Bring It On

Members of the 2008-09 cheerleading squad at East Central Community College and the respective high schools include (laying in front) Warrior mascot Daniel Cheatham, Neshoba Central; (front row, from left) Anna Williams and Abby McMillan both of Newton County Academy; Adrienne McDill, Newton County; Erin Huffman, West Lauderdale; and Cayla Boyd, Carthage; (second row, from left) Emily Thrash, Sebastopol; Kacy Covert, West Lauderdale; Juley Taylor, East Rankin Academy; Anna Munn, West Lauderdale; Kayla Adcock, Winston Academy; and Dekota Anthony, Neshoba Central; and (back row, from left) Darcie Steverson, Newton County Academy; Will Emmons, Lake; Randy Carl Arledge, Neshoba Central; Jonathan Federick, Newton County; and Kolby Sisson, Noxapater. Huellen Watson serves as sponsor.

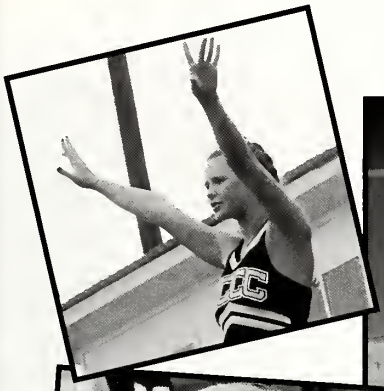


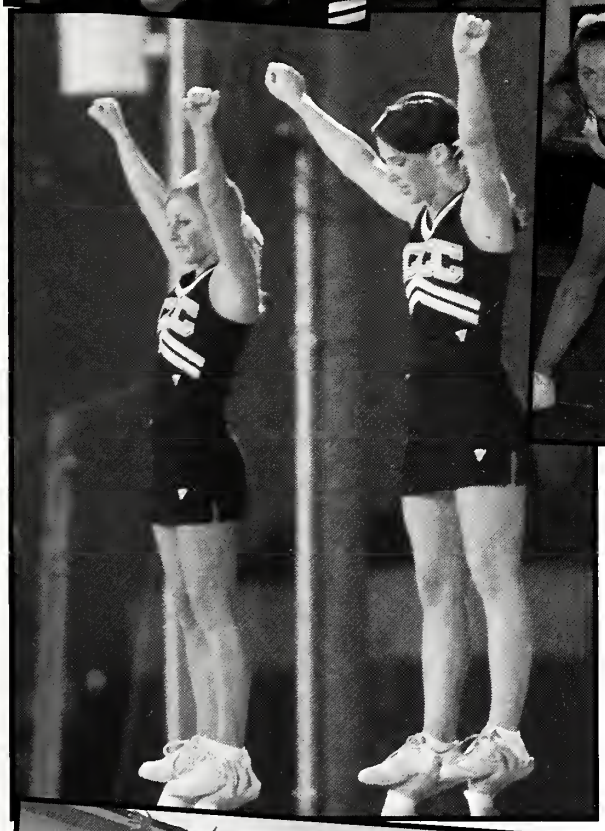




Top: EC cheerleaders lead the crowd in cheering for the Warrior football team. The squad performs at all home and away football games, home basketball games and various school events throughout the year. Above left: Warrior mascot Daniel Cheatham leads the crowd while performing an Indian dance around the bonfire during the homecoming peprally. Above right: Dekota Anthony always has a smile while cheering for the Warriors.

Cheerleading





Top Left: Anna Williams watches the Warriors' next play while cheering for the team. Top Right: The EC cheerleaders perform during the annual EC Day at the Neshoba County Fair in August. Middle Left: Emily Thrash cheers for the Warriors during a football game. Bottom Left: Kayla Adcock and Anna Munn cheer up-top during a stunt for the Warriors. Left: Anna Williams dances with her fellow cheerleaders during their performance at the fair. Left bottom: Kacy Covert, Kayla Adcock and Anna Munn cheer for the Warriors while in a pop-up stunt.

The East Central Community College Cheerleaders had high tosses and hopes for the 2009-09 season.

"In addition to cheering at all ECCC football games, our goal this year is to compete in the Junior College National Championship in Cheerleading," Huellen Watson, third-year Warrior cheerleading coach said.

UCA National Championships are held in January at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla. To compete, squads must first submit a tape to the UCA national committee. The tape will include all of the elements of a prepared routine, as well as a submitted recording of the cheerleaders in action during a game. Then they will be given a pre-finals rank. The top 10 squads will proceed to the finals on the last day of competition.

The East Central cheerleaders began preparations for the 2008-09 season during the summer as they held weekly practices and participated in a two-day private camp conducted by current and former cheerleaders from Mississippi State University.

Their first performance was during the annual "EC Day" at the Neshoba County Fair this summer. That was followed by the "Meet the Warriors" pep rally held the first week of school and provides a first look at all Warrior athletic teams. The squad also showcased their talents during various campus events throughout the year.

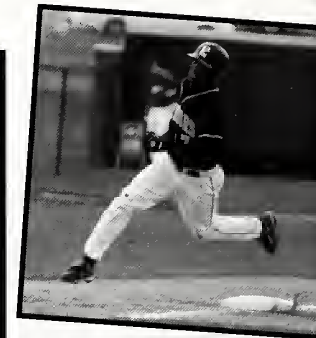
~Staff Reports

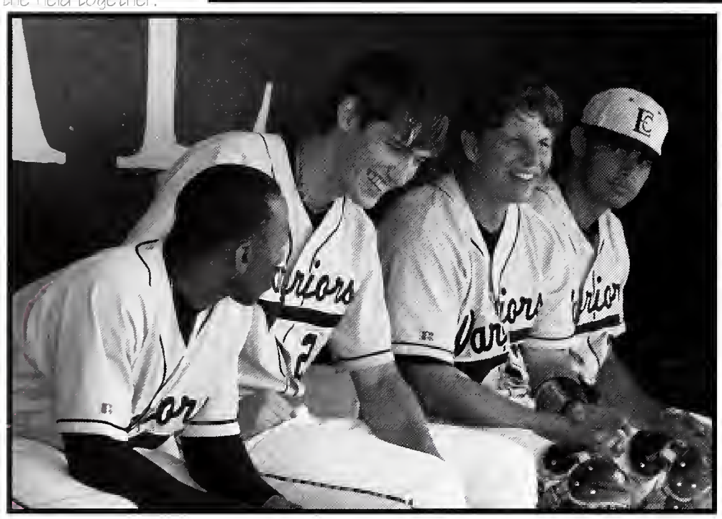
Field of Dreams

Trying to [illegible] game Coach Neal Holliman gives them a pep talk during their game against East Mississippi Community College.

(Far right top): With home plate in sight, outfielder ZeErika Hall rounds third base with no intentions of stopping. (Far right bottom): Proud of the inning EC just played, Allen Cheek and ZeErika Hall share a high-five.

(Below right): Taking time to have a laugh in the dugout, team members Terrell Hendrix, Mack Creighton, Chris Parkman and Jesus Aleman show competing doesn't always mean being serious. (Below, far right): As Warriors always do, ZeErika Hall, Josh Lafferty and Mack Creighton show teamwork and support as they walk off the field together.





The defending state champions, East Central Diamond Warriors, finished 26-24 overall and 8-8 in division competition under second-year head coach Neal Holliman in the 2007-08 season.

"This season was an underachievement, being that we had a lot of returning players that won State Championship in 2007," Holliman said.

Holliman credited the team's success to key players, such as Diamond Warrior, Clint Coleman, from Louisville. Coleman had a batting average of .319, and will be return for next year's season.

Another returning player and leader for the team is Steven Barns. He was the starting pitcher from Covington, La. and has a 3.92 earned run average.

Holliman said the Warriors are preparing for next season's play with a fresh group.

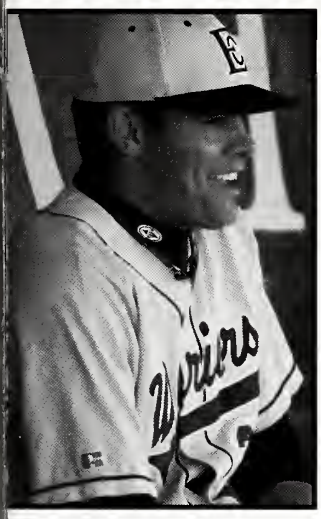
"As for next year, we will have a lot of new faces, zero returning full-time starters, but I will say that we are very excited for next season."

-Rachel Ramirez

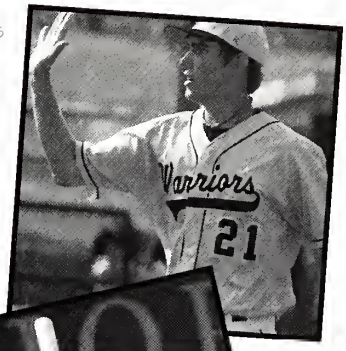
Watching their fellow teammates as EC bats, Carey Miller and Deon Willams are justing waiting for someone to hit a home run.

Baseball 2008

(Far left): Exhausted from the inning, Robert Westbrook and Jesus Aleman walk relieved to their home dugout. (Left): After hitting a home run, outfielder Clint Coleman is congradulated by his teammates.

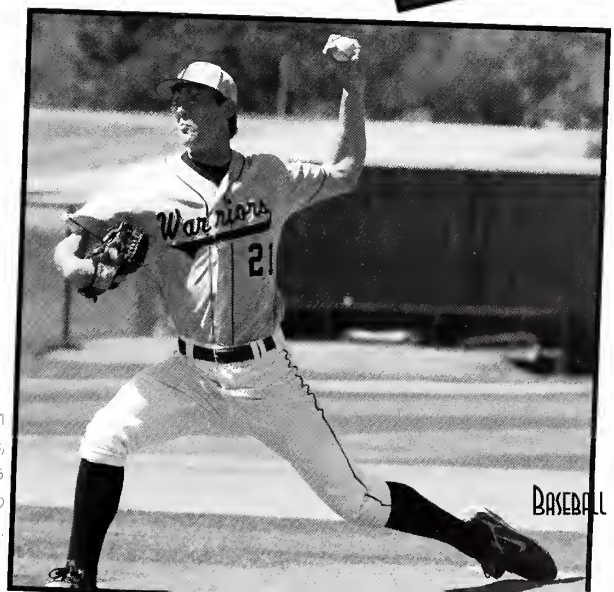


(Far left): Sitting in the dugout, Jesus Aleman shows a lighthearted approach to how he spends his games. (Middle left): Up against a East Mississippi pitcher, Brian Jones swings away. (Left): Concentrating on the batter, Chris Parkman waits for the pitch.



(Right, top): Signaling to the umpire, Mack Creighton mentally prepares himself to throw another strike. (Right, bottom): Warrior Brandon Williams prepares to swing.

Discussing his batting, player Therrell Hendrix listens to Diamond Warrior Assistant Coach Michael Avalon.



Pitching against Co-Lin Community College, Mack Creighton puts everything he's got into his pitch.

A League of Their Own

During the game against Holmes Community College, Allison Phillips swings low and away.

The 2008 campaign for the Lady Diamond Warriors wrapped up with a record of 26-18. Finishing the season with narrow losses to Northeast Mississippi Community College and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. ECCC was disappointed in their shortcomings. However, neither fifth-year head coach Scott Hill or his team can be disappointed in the year they had.

ECCC also advanced to post-season play finishing second in MACJC Central Division with a 12-4 record and posting a 2-2 mark in the State Tournament.

With many returning players and bright young talent, Coach Hill said he looks forward to the 2008 Fall Season and 2009 Regular Spring Season with an open mind and high expectations.

-Kylie Rigdon

Softball 2008

After calling for a time out, Coach Scott Hill has a pep talk with pitcher Codee Russell and catcher Leah Dennis.

(Far left): Going for an out, infielder Shenique Bass throws the ball hoping to beat the runner. (Left): On an overcast day, Codee Russell doesn't let anything distract her from pitching a strike against Southwest Mississippi Community College.

Preparing herself to hit a home run, Leah Dennis visualizes what it will look like before stepping up to the plate.

Ready for a strong hit, outfielder Whitnee White makes the catch succesfully for the out.

After making it to third base successfully, Whitnee White waits for the next pitch to send her to home.

Having to slide into third base, Emily Thrash cuts it close as Holmes' third baseman scrambles to get the ball.

Match Point

The EC Men's Tennis team brought a style all its own to the courts this year. With a diverse group of sophomores and freshmen, The Men's team played their differences to their benefit.
The Men's tennis team placed fifth in the state. However, the four schools they finished behind all had the added benefit of at least one foreign player. Therefore, in a way, EC finished first All-American team.
With only a few returning players for the 2009 team, Coaches Pat and Diane O'Neill said they look forward to new players and continuing success for the ECCC Tennis Warriors.

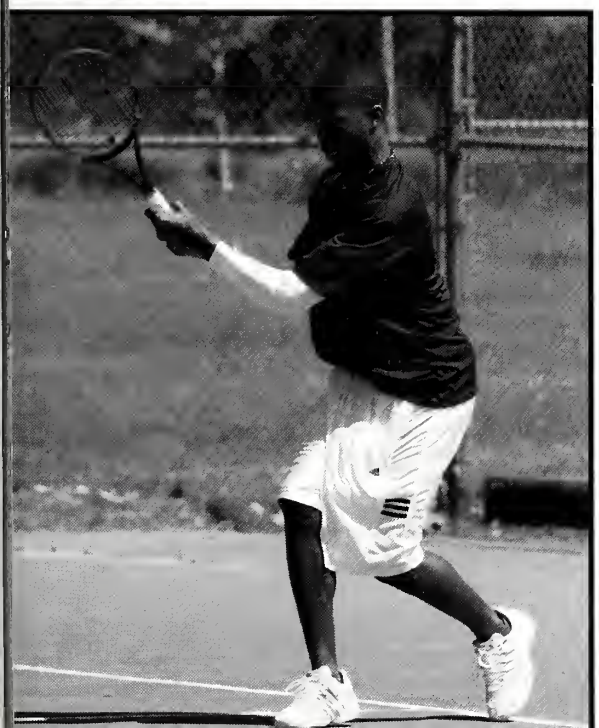
-Kylie Rigdon

Men's Tennis 2008

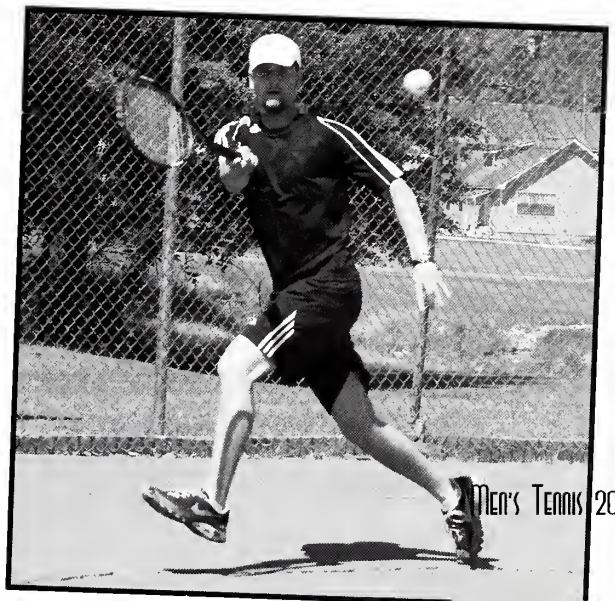
(Far left): Making contact with the ball, Chris King serves to start the point out against his Pearl River Community College opponent. (Left): Calm and collected as usual, Josh Moore gets ready to return a backhand.

(Below, top): Catching his breath, Matt Wade prepares to receive the serve. (Below, bottom): Getting as little bit of air under his feet, Chris King sends a powerful backhand PRCC's way.

(Far left): Getting low to the ground helps Matt Wade when returning the balls that bounce close to his feet. (Middle left): Jumping two feet in the air, Keith Brown returns a forehand with much topspin. (Left): Keeping with his usual aggression at the net, Lorenzo Jones gets a full swing back before spiking the ball on PRCC.



With his eyes unwavering from the ball, Scooter Walker returns a backhand hit to him by JCJC.



In a sprint to the ball, Keith Brown prepares to reach for the forehand to keep the point going.

Wimbledon

East Central's Women's Tennis team may have been small in numbers but certainly didn't lack anything in spirit or determination. An exprienced team, it consisted of five sophomores and one freshmam. In college tennis, everyone has a chance to play either doubles or singles or both. This year, each girl played both.

With players coming from Winston, Neshoba, Newton and Leake counties - and none from the same high school - there was many different styles of playing which came together to form a melting pot of talent. To add to this melting pot, a new set of coaches was brought in. Coaches Pat and Diane O'Neill came from Louisiana to aid EC.

At the state tournament, the women's team placed seventh in the state. According to Coach Diane O'Neill, "The women's team was probably the number one academic team with five of the six players being honor students, including two Hall of Fame recipients, the Valedictorian and several presidents of various clubs and groups around campus. I am very proud of our accomplishments this year and look forward to a promising season next year."

Tennis isn't just about swinging a racket at a ball. Through playing the sport, players learn independence, self control, elegance and grace. With such a bright future, EC Tennis and its players are sure to go far.

-Kylie Rigdon

Women's Tennis 2008

(Far left): Being the usual force at the net that she is, Nichole Ball hits an unreturnable overhead at PRCC. (Left): Stretching as far as she can, Dru Anderson reaches for a low forehand.

(Below, top): Never one to hear, "You hit like a girl," Nichole Ball puts muscle and mind together to return a backhand to her Jones County Junior College opponent. (Below, bottom): On a hope and a prayer, Kylie Rigdon, former Union Yellow Jacket, hits a powerful forehand over the net.

(Far left): Concentrating on the serve, sophomore rookie, Ashley Henley never lets her nerves show on the court. (Left): Never letting her focus down, Neshoba Central native, Julie Gaines prepares for a low backhand.

One of the main hearts and souls of EC Women's Tennis, Julie Gaines stays cool under pressure as she easily returns a forehand to PRCC.

Always focused and calm on the court, Dru Anderson of Newton County visualizes her perfect serve just before she sets up.

Caddyshack

During the State Golf Tournament, Kyle Killens approaches an approach shot to get the ball onto the green.

Lining the ball up with the hole, Chase Ward gets right down on the green to make sure he can make it.

On the ninth hole, Stephen Poole putts the ball.

On the tip of the green, Chase Ward putts the ball towards the hole.

Before making what he hopes is his final putt on this hole, Kyle Killens looks to decide the best way to hit the ball.

Being the only sophomore on the team, Alex Deason has a lot to prove. He proves his talent very well at the State Golf Tournament.

Golf 2008

Hoping to drive the ball all the way to the green, Stephen Poole keeps his expectations for himself high.

After hitting an approach shot, Chase Ward follows his ball with his eyes.

The golf program at East Central may not have the most popularity on campus. However, it is favored among the five players who participated in the sport for ECCC this year. The members included: Alex Deason of Philadelphia, Chase Ward of Sylacauga, Ala., Stephen Poole and Kyle Killens of Decatur, and Daniel Johnson of Union.

The team competes in many tournaments throughout the year. In the State Tournament of 2008, East Central Community College came in sixth place overall. Individually, Alex Deason led with 155 (79-76) total, Chase Ward with 158 (82-76), Stephen Poole with 164 (85-79), Kyle Killens with 164 (84-82), and Daniel Johnson with 165 (81-84). During the two-day event, the players golfed a par 71 course.

-Kylie Rigdon

Being so close to the hole, Alex Deason doesn't have too far to putt his ball; however, it is far enough to keep him focused on his shot.

With his eyes on the hole, Daniel Johnson makes a great effort to make it in

Spring Sports Awards

Golf

Alex Deason, scholar athlete and lowest score average, and Stephen Poole, All-Tournament Team.

Men's Tennis

Joseph Cieglo, scholar athlete; Keith Brown, scholar athlete and Warrior Award; Scooter Walker, most valuable player; and Josh Moore, team captain.

Women's Tennis

Julie Gaines, team captain; Cheryll Dowell, Warrior Award; and Dru Anderson scholar athlete and most valuable player.

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Baseball

Chris Parkman, Team Captain; Jacob Casey, Team Captain; Josh Lafferty, Team Captain and Jamie Clark Warrior Award; Jamie Clark, most improved player; Jack Edmonson, most improved player; Brian Jones, most valuable player and most valuable pitcher; and Robert Westbrook, scholar athlete.

Softball

Laura Smith, team captain award; Amber Smith, pitching award; Leah Dennis, second team All-State and second team All-Division; Codee Russell, pitching award; Sondreia Hillie, most outstanding defensive player, team captain award; Lindsey Stevens, Lady Warrior Award and team captain award; Shenique Bass, most valuable player; and Whitnee White scholar athlete and team captain.

Women's Tennis 2009

The Lady Warrior tennis team for the 2009 season includes: (from left) Anna Powell, Philadelphia; Elise Gibbs, Newton; Kylie Rigdon, Union; Abby McMillan, Newton and Rachel Ramirez, Forest. Not pictured: Kadie Hailey, Louisville and coach Dianne O'Neill.

Men's Tennis 2009

The Warrior tennis team for the 2009 season includes: (from left) Darius Walker, Hickory; Lorenzo Jones, Newton; Nathan Calvert, Louisville; Matt Wade, Forest; and Jason Hancock and Colton Amis, both of Decatur. Not pictured: Scooter Walker, Hickory; Hunter Huff, Forest, and coach Dianne O'Neill.

Golf 2009

The Warrior Golf team for the 2009 season includes: J.C. Moore, Forest; Eric Burgess, East Rankin; James Moore, coach; Kyle Killens, Newton County; Daniel Johnson, Union; Conner Herrington, Leake Academy and Griffin Burk, Neshoba Central. Not pictured is Coach James Moore.

Baseball 2009

The Diamond Warriors for the 2009 season include: (first row, from left) student assistant Drew Smith; Allen Cheek; Barry Meeks; Scott Lowrey; Jack Edmondson; Kylie Ming; ZeEricka Hall; Jordan Smith; Quin Stokes; Cooper Robertson; Jeremy May; Lance Gibson; and Willard Bacon; (second row, from left) assistant coach Michael Avalon; Timothy Maloney; Steven Barnes; Daniel Eichelberger; Garrett Butler; Ernie Triplett; Eric Dowell; Idael Pestana; Stephen Houston; head coach Neal Holliman and assistant coach Roberto Martinez; (third row, from left) Tyler Davis; Drew Bruhl; Callop Hampton; Seka York; Clint Coleman; Tyler Nicholson; Austin Buchanan; John Michael Williamson; Drew Wilson; Jay Mitchell and Sam Wooten.

Softball 2009

The Lady Diamond Warriors for the 2009 season include: (front row, from left) Sierra Farlow, Calli Cumberland, Brandy Greer, Paige Holsen, Hailey Chisolm and Emily Thrash; (second row, from left) Kristen Pillsbury, Genny Freeman, Megan Munn, Emily Breland, Amy Sharp, Codee Russell and Amber Smith; (third row, from left) Erin Breland, Brittney Cochran, Kimberly Blackwell, Hannah Lee, Allison Phillips and Leah Dennis; (back row, from left) Kristin Chaney, assistant coach; Emily Wooten, manager; Justin Boone, manager; Drew Crowell, student assistant coach; and Scott Hill, head coach. Not pictured is Bill Flowers, manager.

In Memoriam

To these young men who were taken from our world far too early, we dedicate this annual to them. May each of them rest in peace.

Shareef Dixon
Born: November 15th, 1989
Died: October 31th, 2008

Bradley "B.J." McElroy, Jr.
Born: November 10th, 1989
Died: November 9th, 2008

Landon Burt
Born: January 8th, 1990
Died: December 19th, 2008

Curtain Call

"All the world's a stage / And all the men and women merely players / They have their exits and entrances / And one man in his lifelime plays many parts."

- William Shakespeare

As another year draws to a close at EC, some actors of EC prepare to graduate and move on to the next stage of their lives. At the same time, a new class of actors prepare to enter this place that we call home for almost nine months of our lives. Just as Shakespeare said, we all play many parts in our lives. Some all at once; some at different times. No matter the method chosen, one part you've played has been as an EC student. It is a part which will stay with you for years to come.

The faculty and staff prepared to say goodbye to students they have come to know, like, appreciate, and in some cases, admire. At the same time, they must also prepare to welcome new students who will have a similar effect. While their roles may not change, their parts certainly do as they move on from the old and face the new.

Freshmen, I leave you with my last bit of advice. Enjoy your time at EC, do not let people who do not matter affect your life. I am reminded now of Dr. Seuss, "Do what you want, those who mind don't matter and those that matter don't mind." It is your time and your life, you must live it for yourself and find who you truly are.

Faculty and staff, thank you for always being behind every student. Your influence on me, as well as my classmates, has been profound and will never be forgotten. Thank you for the opportunities you've given us, the doors you've opened and, at times, the push we needed to steer us in the right direction.

Whether EC was home or just a school, it impacts every student that comes through the door. For many, it gives opportunity, friends and a future. For others, it is second chance. Whatever it is that students seek when they enter as freshmen, they can almost always find it at East Central Community College.

- Kylie Rigdon

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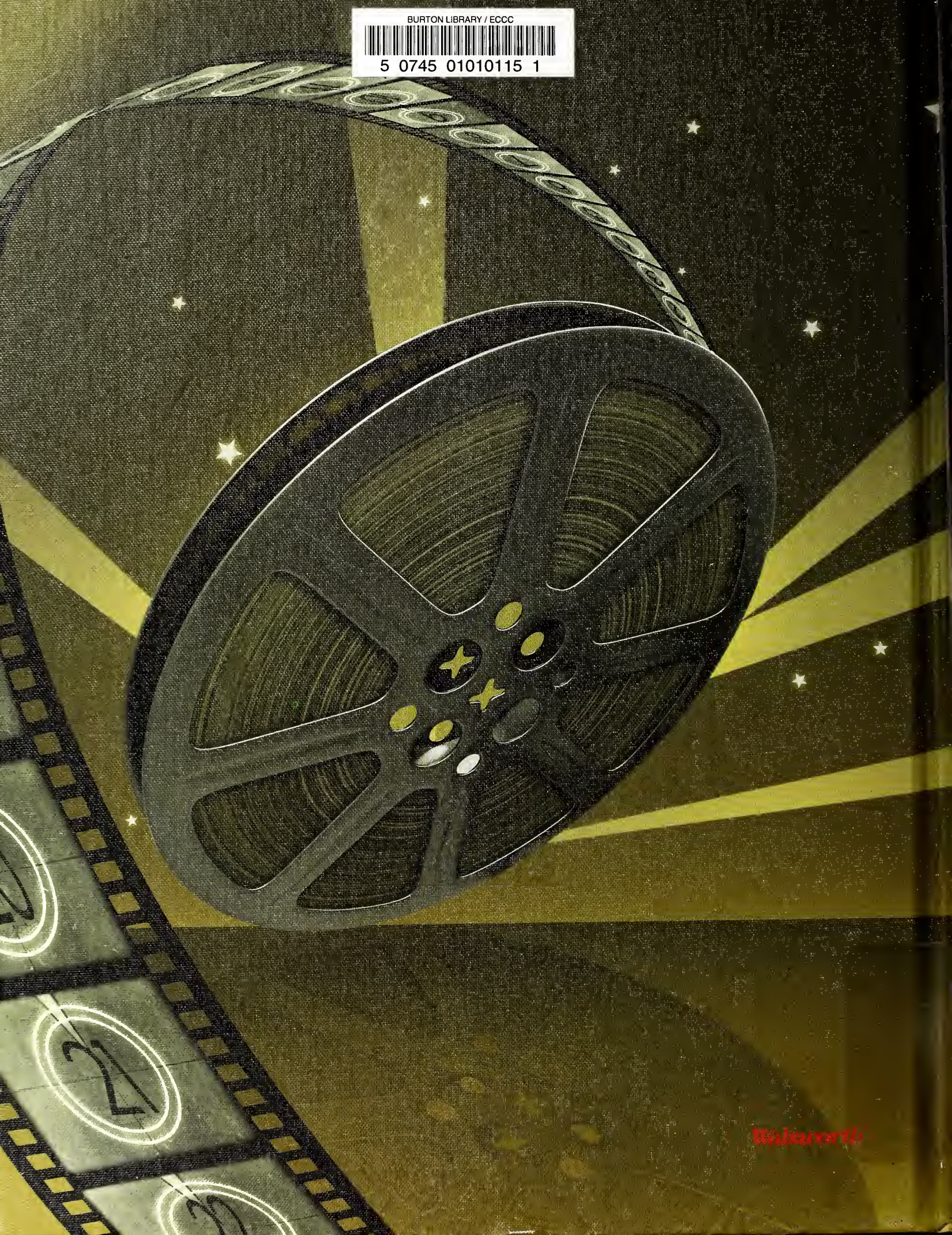

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